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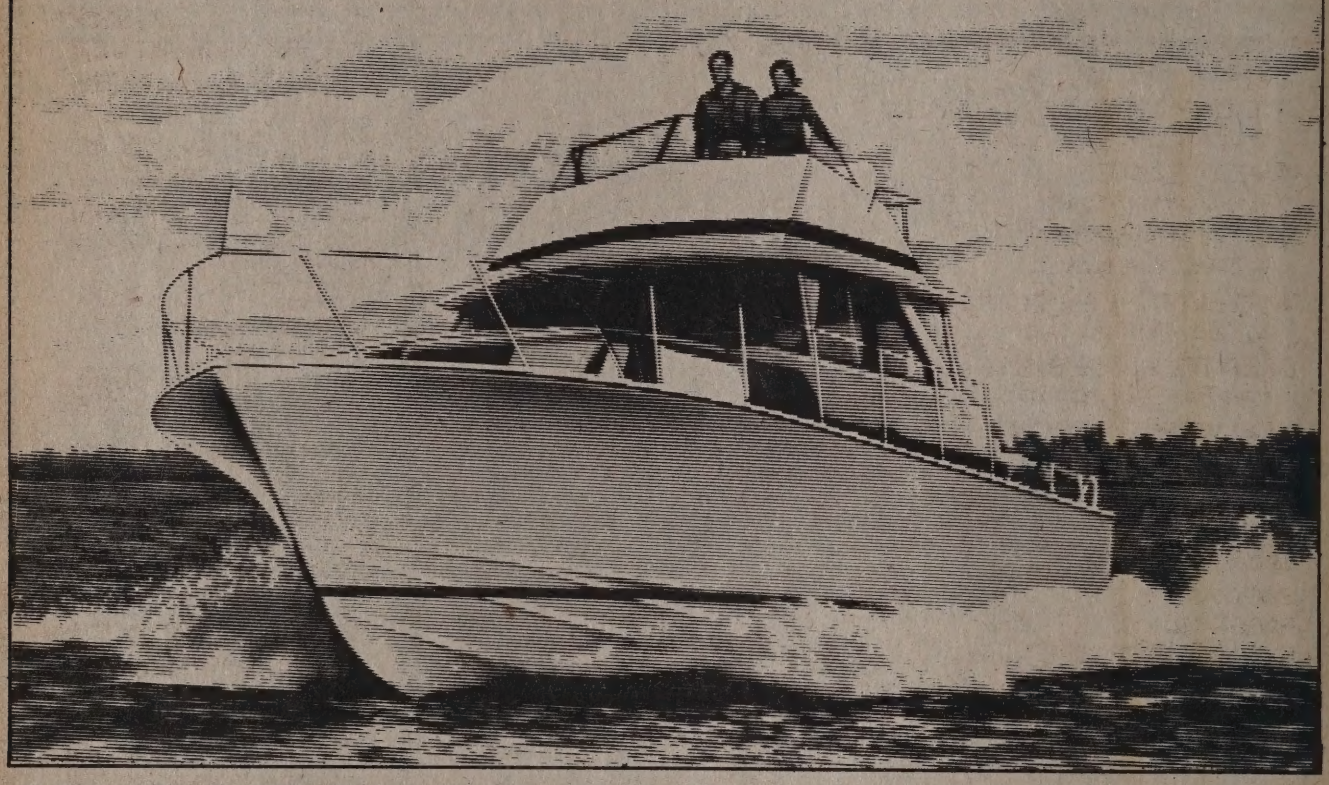

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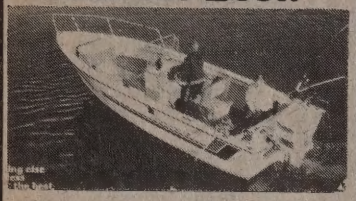

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NEW OUTLOOK AT N.M.F.S.

Regular readers of LIF are aware of our rather negative past experiences with the National Marine Fisheries Service. We have been critical of NMFS for being too intimately entwined with commercial fishermen and for being ignorant of the recreational fishing community. At recent Bluefish Management Hearings on Long Island we blasted the representative from NMFS (a charming lady who took our abuse with dignity) about the failure of NMFS to take us up on a standing offer to enter into a cooperative data gathering activity. I pointed out that the invitation had been made for four years in succession and as yet (May, 1983), the National Marine Fisheries Service had not responded to my invitation.

NMFS's lack of interest was particularly upsetting because one, a priority function of NMFS is to gather data about fish stocks, migrations, landings, etc., and second, because that portion of the bluefish plan dealing with data gathering from the recreational community was to come exclusively from log books kept by charter boats and party boats. That plan puts too much of a burden on the party boat and charter boat segment of the industry compared to other recreational fishermen, and would have supplied biased data. Party and charter boat catches are biased primarily because they fish for bluefish in deeper water in general. The number of hours invested in bluefishing in the estuary is minor. Thus, the data would not reflect inshore bluefish activities properly. Since bluefish are an ocean species that enter shallow waters and estuaries to feed, it follows that any reduction in the bluefish stocks would be felt first in the estuaries and shallow ocean. Meanwhile, party and charter boat catches might not show a significant decline: neither would the commercial catch. In fact, we estimate that the first segment of the recreational fishery to be affected would be surf fishing because big bluefish are always reluctant to swim in the skinny water along the beach and are generally motivated to feed in the surf zone only because feeding competition forces some schools to seek baitfish in areas where large concentrations of bluefish are not found.

Therefore, it is imperative that recreational catch data for the surf and estuary be accumulated. At the public hearings in May of this year, we expressed concern that the plan's proposed increase of 75 percent in the potential commercial catch could result in significant declines in the inshore recreational catch. It appears, due to a lack of strong demands from recreational fishermen at the public hearings, that the 75 percent increase will be approved. Therefore, it is very important that we gather data that could serve to change the plan should the 75 percent increase result in a decline in the inshore recreational catch of bluefish.

Apparently our strong vocal objection to NMFS's reluctance to accept our proposal for a cooperative venture to gather inshore data struck a nerve. Now, NMFS has an office that deals exclusively with recreational fishing. This office is headed by Stuart Wilk. Mr. Wilk, a fisheries biologist, has been receptive to working more closely with recreational interests in an attempt to gather more complete catch statistics for recreational fishing. Shortly after my intense discussion with the NMFS's representative at the bluefish hearings, the way was cleared for the cooperative venture to get going.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1983, I spent the day with Mr. Wilk. The purpose of the initial meeting was to explore the feasibility of undertaking this activity and to explore possible mechanisms for gathering the data. It was agreed that we can get started, possibly even this year, and that we should be content to start slowly until folks can become accustomed to the process. Mr. Wilk and I will meet again in the next few weeks to firm up the nature of the vehicle to be used for the data gathering process. In addition, Mr. Wilk and a statistician from his staff may be available to explain the importance of the project and the process to several clubs who will be the first participants.

At this writing, we have no idea as to how many clubs will be participating this first year. However, we have already earmarked the High Hill Striper Club, the results of the New York Surf Fishing Contest, and the Farragut Striper Club. We hope to get a few more clubs before the venture is implemented. We are hopeful of involving our sister publications in New Jersey and New England to come up with a club or two from their areas. It is our hope, however, that this activity will catch on and that as the years go by more and more clubs will become involved so that the data will provide the National Marine Fisheries Service, as well as the recreational fishing community, with a clear picture of changing abundance of bluefish. Initially, the data gathered will be for bluefish only, but in the years ahead we hope to expand this effort to include other species.

This joint venture is extremely important. It will open lines of communication between NMFS and the recreational fishing industry, it has the potential to bond us in approaches to mutual goals, and the data generated will become powerful information that can protect the quality of our fishing. We

hope to educate the National Marine Fisheries Service about recreational fishing so that the agency can come to understand the immense economic value of recreational marine angling to local communities, as well as the nation. We are confident that this education will remove the false notion from the minds of many, that the recreational marine angler is someone who "plays" with a rod and reel and ends up foul-smelling. We are confident that NMFS will come to respect us as fishermen who feed more mouths (family and friends) than all the commercial fishermen combined. We know they will appreciate the tens of thousands of jobs generated by the industry and the billions of dollars that are generated for the economy. We know they will come to understand and appreciate that fishing with a hook and line requires large concentrations of fish in order to be successful and that our techniques can NEVER decimate a stock of any species.

The development of a cooperative association with an agency as important as the National Marine Fisheries Service cannot be underestimated as an important priority. Many of the adverse policies and decisions regarding fisheries management are a direct result of a failure of any agency's personnel to understand one or more facets of the problem. Therefore, the demands of one group may seem insignificant because the nature of operation of that group and their impact on the resource is not well known to those who make the decisions. We can find abundant examples of this type of reasoning in the newspapers. Since the passage of the Magnuson Fisheries Management Act in 1977 (200 mile limit law), the newspapers have printed many articles concerning the involvement of government and its agencies in the construction of fish processing plants, the development of new markets for finfish, and of government subsidy programs to finance the construction of new commercial fishing vessels. The politicians say again and again how these efforts will result in more local jobs during difficult economic times. The generation of new jobs is a meritorious effort, but let's analyze the approach.

In New York State, for example, there are about 17,000 commercial finfish and shellfishermen. How many of these are exclusively full time fishermen is not known. They generate about $13 million to the economy of the state. On the other hand, there are 2.3 million marine recreational fishermen; they generate well over $100 million annually to the economy of the state and employ tens of thousands of people via the products and services they use when fishing. However, since 1977, we have heard virtually nothing about government assistance towards the development of the recreational industry. WHY? Simple. Even though it would be far easier to develop jobs for the recreational industry and even though the net positive impact of any such efforts to the economy would be ten-fold greater, the politicians continue to focus their attention on the commercial industry because they have a very, very limited understanding of what we do, why we do it, how many of us do it, how what we do creates thousands of jobs, and how many votes they might get if they could do something for the millions of recreational fishermen. Good grief—if they ever wake up to the vote gimmick, they'll compete with each other for our favors and good will.

Why are they so ignorant? Tell it like it is! We have been, and in many ways still are, the sleeping giant. We do not write enough letters, make enough phone calls, attend enough public hearings, and in short, we do not make our presence known. The commercials, on the other hand, are vocal and visible. Thus, we have ourselves to blame. The great progress we have made in the last few years has been a result of the intense efforts of a few. In New York, we have been successful in developing sound working relationships with our Department of Environmental Conservation and the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission.

The basic plan will be to enlist the cooperation of clubs to keep and report data that will allow NMFS to extrapolate catch per unit effort data. That is, how many fish are caught per hour of effort. By comparing these data from year to year, we will be able to quantify patterns of changing abundance. Knowledge of these changing or stable patterns of abundance will help determine modification in fisheries management plans. The data gathering process by clubs and the reporting of the data will be deliberately designed to be simple and easy. In fact, the data required will, in most cases, be very similar if not identical, to data already kept by clubs in order to award prizes and trophies. In return, NMFS will supply cooperating clubs with computer generated reports. Thus, many of the now hand-calculated records may be done for us by NMFS, thus making the job of fish chairman, contest officer, or whatever you are called easier even though you are participating in this effort. The exact details remain to be worked out and the reporting of precise activities and responsibilities premature, but we wanted you to know about the birth of this most important project.

We are also interested in knowing if any clubs are potentially interested in participating. Therefore, if your club wants to participate, either now or next year, please send me a short note. We'll add the name of your club to a growing list of organizations that are enthusiastic about this project.

Write to: **Dr. William A. Muller, NMFS Project, Long Island Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, N.Y. 11963.**

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Although some boats have appreciated as much as 22 percent, these are the exception, reported Sullivan, who feels that the slowdown of inflation-fueled boat price appreciation is good news for both the industry and the consumer. New boat manufacturers are going to realize greater volume to satisfy pent-up demand and buyers are going to benefit by lower prices.

Sullivan also pointed out that although prices have dropped, boats are still a good hedge against inflation. If inflation returns, boats will fare favorably just as they have in the past. Even so, Sullivan clarified, the primary reason that people buy boats is for the enjoyment of boating per se.

Regardless of the reason for buying, lower prices should be a real stimulus in the boating marketplace, resulting in a more promising sales picture for all categories of boats for the coming year.

"There will be a lot of activity due to a heightened interest on the part of boaters to buy and the large number of used boats available," said Sullivan.

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In addition to recognizing many of the great catches made by anglers each year, the contest is designed to document these catches and make the statistics available to fishery scientists and other interested parties. In addition, IGFA recognizes that the current world record listings may fail to include some species caught in substantial numbers throughout the world, and emphasis is again being given to submitting contest entries for species not yet listed.

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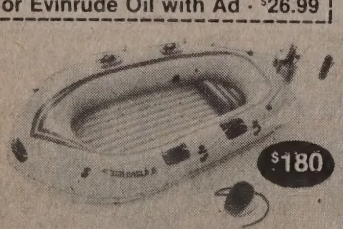

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Eligibility: The contest is open to all anglers worldwide. There is no limit on the number of entries submitted by an angler, and there will be no charge for processing an entry.

CATEGORIES:

Species: All freshwater and saltwater species are eligible for consideration. (See introduction to contest, above.)

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The contest regulations are:

1. All catches must be made in accordance with IGFA International Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations.

2. The minimum acceptance weight for any fish entered in the contest is 1 pound (.453 kg).

3. Applications will not be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters or sanctuaries. The catch must not be at variance with any laws or regulations governing the species or the waters in which it was caught.

4. Weighing requirements must comply with those currently in effect for world record catches.

5. In the case of a tie for first or second place, the first fish caught will be placed in the higher category. In the case of a tie for third place, only the first fish caught will be listed as a contest winner.

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Last year's Hudson Canyon Tournament yielded an estimated 12,000 pounds of tuna and billfish. Forty-five boats participated in the event, remaining offshore overnight in the Hudson Canyon area about 90 miles offshore. Tuna, white and blue marlin, swordfish, wahoo, and sharks made up the catch.

The 1983 H.C.I.B.T.T. will once again be run from the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport, convenient to the Jones Inlet, with cash prizes for competition for clubs and individuals totalling $7,500. Entry fee is to be $275 per boat; $550 per two boat team.

Interested clubs and individuals are advised to contact the Tournament Chairman: Squadron Anglers, Inc., c/o Skip Schaefer, 600 Terry Place, North Valley Stream, NY 11580; Days (516) 561-8811; Eves (516) 352-6287.

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The tournament commitee is happy to offer a new opportunity to all entries that are received in before August 1, 1983. These entries will receive an official tournament hat and also will be included in a drawing for an all expense paid fishing trip to the Sacramento River during the salmon run after the tournament. This trip will include airline tickets, accommodations and meals.

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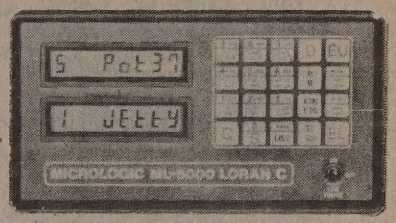

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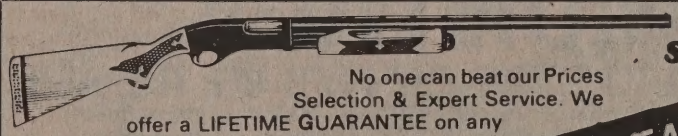

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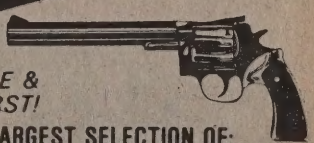

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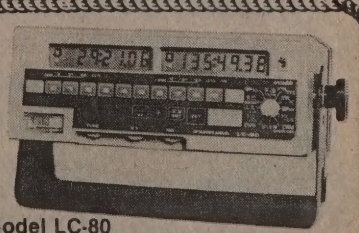

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U.S. RECREATIONAL CATCH OF SHARKS IN THE ATLANTIC

The "Shark Tagger," the newsletter of the Cooperative Shark Tagging Program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, indicates that recreational fishermen catch a large number of sharks and the popularity of shark fishing is growing.

The authors of Shark Tagger, John Casey, Harold Wes Pratt and Charles Stillwell examined several past national surveys and decided that the most recent survey (Hamm and Slater, 1979 NOAA Tech. Memo SEFC-5, 169 pp), directed specifically at sport fishing for billfish and sharks provided the "best available data" on the numbers of sharks caught (dogfish were excluded). They compared tagging data for 1963 through 1982 to the number and species composition data in that survey. Average weight for each species, from measurements obtained aboard research vessels and from tournaments catches, were applied oto the numerical estimates from the survey. Results showed recreational fishermen caught 230,000 sharks weighing 22.7 million pounds (overall average 98.1 lb per shark, although average size differed slghtly in different regions). Most of the shark catch was in the northeast between Maine and Cape Hatteras, N.C. (54%) followed by the southeast from Cape Hatteras to the Florida Keys (26%) and the Gulf of Mexico (20%). Blue sharks dominated the overall catch (98,000, 8.4 million pounds), followed by hammerhead sharks (23,503, 2.6 million pounds), and mako sharks (17,973, 2.7 million pounds). As a species complex, blacktip, dusky, bull, sandbar, and other carcharhinid sharks were important (76,000, 7.0 million pounds), particularly in the southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. Additional species, including tiger, thresher, and nurse sharks, represented 6'½' of the total catch (approximately 14,600, 2.0 million pounds). These results generally agree with tagging records that show the recreational shark fishery

has been most intensive in the Middle Atlantic Bight (Cape Cod, Mass. to Cape Hatteras, N.C.).

Since the completion of the survey in 1978, however, there has been a marked increase in the recreational shark fishery in the Gulf of Mexico and along the East Coast, south of Virginia. The number of taggers and shark tournaments has also increased in other areas. This continued expansion of the recreational fishery generally indicates that the 22.7 million pound estimate may be conservative, and in fact, well below the current actual catch. Although some large sharks are released, catches of young sharks from inshore waters are not included in any survey. These catches may be considerable in some areas.

Partially due to the size and economic value of the recreational fishery, the current Shark Fishery Management Plan allows for a total foreign allocation of only 1,150 metric tons (2.5 million pounds) of sharks. Only the Faroe Islanders have requested and received an allocation of 500 metric tons (1.1 million pounds) of porbeagles and to date that allocation has not been reached in any year since 1978. All other sharks taken by foreign fishermen must be returned to the sea. There are no regulations on sharks that apply to U.S. fishermen. Whether there will ever be, will depend on the future demands for sharks in our domestic fisheries.

3RD ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL FISHING CONTEST

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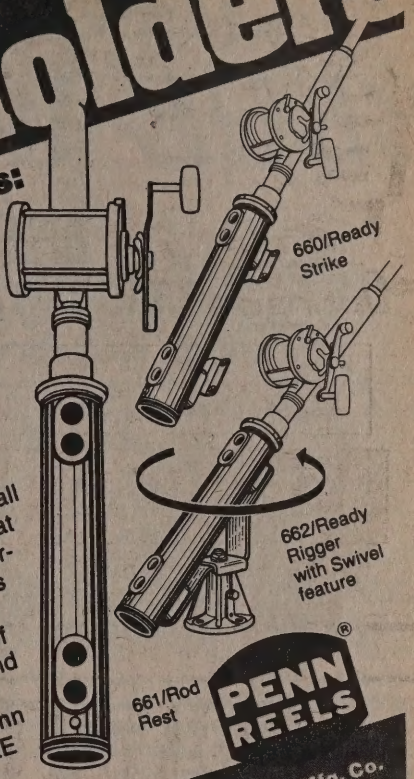

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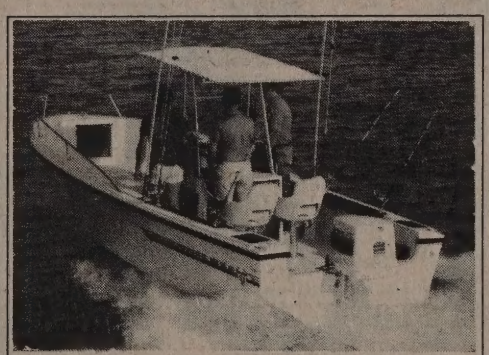

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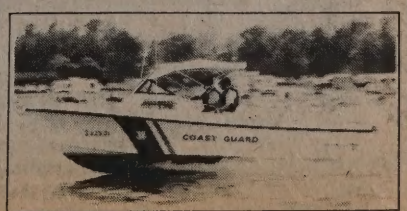

SHORT RIDE TO BLUE WATER ACTION

by J.N. Raguso

Some fine "offshore" action can be found within easy range of south shore inlets during August.

The center console nosed out from the thick blanket of fog and began to break for the open sea when, "snap, crack." Both flat lines sounded off in that unmistakable report, and a brace of skipjack tuna propelled their torpedo-like physiques for the haven of deeper water. Another fond memory from that Hudson Canyon trip? No way! Would you believe this happened only one mile SE of the Fire Island whistle buoy?

It was that time of day when you know you've given it your best shot and the fish "just ain't biting"—time to head for home, "Miller time." We slowed to take in the lines, but one still had to be brought in—the long one deep down the middle. Suddenly, a single solitary sea bird signaled that something was indeed very interesting 150 yards to starboard. The boat leaned in and approached trolling speed when the double spikes broke water and a white marlin smashed the lure in a most convincing fashion. He lit the after-burners and made the 4/0 reel sing for the safety of a dusty tackle shop self. Good times from the famed Carolina Outer Banks? Not quite. How about just a few hundred yards south of the Fire Island NA buoy?

The Sea Jay was 10 minutes into the chum slick with a small cocktail blue drifting at its station, 50 yards out like a lonely sentinel. A rigged mackerel was slipping from view into the southwest swells when a 400 pound class tiger shark uncharacteristically bolted out from under the transom and proceeded to make short work of the 3/0 outfit in four determined and unstoppable runs. Tales from last winter's Florida vacation? Not on your life! This happened just 12 miles south of Fire Island Inlet in only 90 feet of water.

Skipjack tuna provide plenty of action within a short ride of the beach during the dog days of summer.

The bottom line of all these recent actual experiences is that big game fish are where you find them. Quite often finding them is a lot closer to home than you realize, and many anglers frequently overrun prime fishing grounds in search of the more hallowed areas further off the beach.

Two keys in enhancing your chances of success are to understand the migratory patterns of our local game fish and to spend enough time out on the briny to observe its mysteries. Tracking your results in a detailed fishing log is an added plus when trying to sift through old memories for meaningful data for your analysis.

After a few seasons of doing both, you'll begin to see certain patterns emerge. Quite often, the same experiences can be repeated year after year at roughly the same time in more or less the same place. Of course, certain variables come into play like severity of the winter, availability of bait, water temperature, stock spawning success, weather patterns and prevailing winds, etc., that will tend to shift your piscatorial prognostications a week or two either earlier or later than expected. But if you were a real "Karnak" with a crystal ball, fishing wouldn't be any challenge, right?

Before we get into the "where," let'd discuss the "when." At the risk of being oversimplified, the seasonal migration of our local game fish is a biological pattern that repeats its cycle roughly once every 12 months. Most of our summer residents winter in other environs, either offshore in the continental shelf waters or inshore in the major river estuaries like the Hudson, Delaware, or Chesapeake systems. Once that internal biological clock signals it's time to move out, the mass exodus begins. Long Island's shoreline and inlets seem to be a natural staging ground for many species' rites of spring. What's fortunate for us is that it's a constant

process that takes place over the course of many months time, thus providing a continuous stream of opportunity from April through November and sometimes beyond. Spring and fall can provide real bonanzas, as a temporary "seasonal overlap" occurs with many of our winter and summer species being available simultaneously for brief periods of time.

Starting in March, the flounder begin to emerge from the mud, while the shad run along our southern coast searching for their native spawning streams. Soon after that, the bunker invade our bays to seek a safe haven from the dangers that are soon to follow. Sometime in mid-April, come the first reports of the vast hordes of mackerel that provide many anglers with the season's first taste of frenzied activity. Literally chomping at their tails in early May are the legions of predator bluefish that will chase those macks all the way to Georges Banks in the quest for an easy meal. Turning the tables on the blues and in hot pursuit are the advance guard of makos and other sharks that turn the hunter into the hunted.

While all this is transpiring many miles off the beach, the weakfish are slipping into the bays to spawn and the stripers having just completed this ritual, are working up an appetite while moving down-river to their favorite summer seaside haunts. Flounder are busy beefing up for their late spring departure while fluke are anxiously waiting in the wings to take their place. The first wave of tuna hit the canyons in late June and will filter inshore as the summer's prevailing SW winds break off pockets of the Gulf Stream and warm up the inshore waters. Finally, the white marlin make their presence known in late July when the 15 and 20 fathom water temperatures and bait supply are to their liking.

The obvious reason for going through this exercise is to illustrate that oceanic events are in constant motion and that there is a certain "pecking order" of big fish eating little fish. Having an understanding of this process will allow you to be in the right spot at the right time and perhaps land some really exotic species close to home without having to burn a ton of fuel.

The $64,000 question is **where** do you start? Well, now that you have a rudimentary understanding as to when certain species begin to arrive, let's figure out where to go. The "where" process is broken down into two parts. You can actually get a fairly good idea where to start before you ever leave the dock. Step one is to obtain a detailed chart of the area you want to fish and study it closely. A real aid is to trace the outline of the various fathom curves (10 fathoms, 15, 20, 25, etc.) with a heavy felt tip pen. The curves will more readily contrast with the surrounding environment and you'll be surprised at what you can discover. Certain prime areas that might have gone by unnoticed will literally pop up off the chart.

Encounters with white marlin in depths ranging between 90 to 110 feet of water are not unusual. Several years back, these popular billfish provided some real surprises for trollers when they showed up in 60 foot depths SE of Fire Island Inlet. Water temperature is the key to their movement.

Migrating fish are known to follow these underwater "highways" and they're as good a place to start as any. Better yet is to find a convergence of varying fathom curves in one tight area like Hudson Canyon, Block Canyon fishtales, Mud Hole west, Montauk fingers, etc. Even a series of "bends" in a fathom line could indicate a hotspot, especially when wind and current are forcing deeper water to flow over these bottom irregularities. Don't overlook the presence of a wreck that is on or near one of these curves. Most support a complete chain of oceanic life and could act as a temporary way-stop for a cruising school of predators.

The success of this type of underwater structure is attributed to the phenomenon of ocean currents constantly flowing against these ledges, thereby forcing nutrient-rich colder waters up from the depths with their load of food. This attracts pelagic baitfish who feed on these organisms, which, in turn, bring on the predators for an easy meal. What you have is a sort of floating fast food stand.

Once you're out on the water, you must sharpen your sense of sight and smell, and think like a predator yourself. You should constantly be on the lookout for the subtle telltale signs that your quarry is near. Visual signals such as oil slicks floating on the surface, frenzied birds diving into the water for scraps, schools of baitfish suddenly rising and jumping, discolored, stained or rippled water, large patches of floating grass well out beyond the weed line, fins of large fish skimming the water's surface, or large single "sailor birds" circling slowly over the ocean swells—all sure signs that the action you came looking for can't be far away. Just so you understand what's going on here, let's try to understand what each one of these visual I.D.'s is trying to tell us. Floating oil slicks frequently indicate that baitfish are being attacked by a school of blues or whatever, and the combination of blood and oil from the carnage rises to the ocean's surface for all to see. Your sense of smell is the key, because if you're downwind of such an occurrence, you can literally "smell" the slick before you even see it. It gives off a very pungent melon-like aroma. Birds, especially little terns, seen diving into the water for "sloppy seconds" are a good barometer for unseen underwater game fish activity. Spying a school of baitfish surface and leap out of the water is a marvelous sight, especially when you understand that some large aggressors are probably suspended underneath the school forcing this unplanned detour. Discolored or stained water could indicate an underwater current or perhaps it's showing the residue of a recent feeding frenzy. Rips in the water tell us that the current is passing over some underwater structure, like a fathom curve or underwater depression. Large patches of "tuna grass" seen floating 10 or 15 miles offshore infer that a school of predators has been sweeping the bottom with their noses or tails in an

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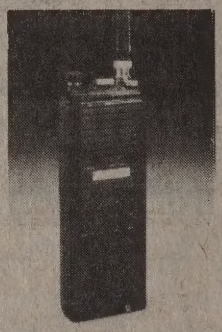

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attempt to flush out baitfish such as sand eels from their natural habitat.

There is almost no thrill equal to seeing a large game fish tailing down-sea riding an ocean swell—a ruler in its own domain. You know you've done something right in finding it, but a bigger challenge lies ahead as you try to first lure it to a bait and then attempt to land it. Solitary sea birds can also indicate the presence of a game fish. Because of their height advantage, these birds can see down into the water 10 or 15 feet and can easily spot a cruising marlin or mako and "ride shotgun" up above to get in on a free meal every time the fish feeds.

I recall a situation last year where a fishing buddy and myself chased a white marlin unsuccessfully for over 45 minutes in 85 feet of water SE of Fire Island Inlet. A large gull was riding herd on this gamester, as it single-handledly decimated a school of small green bonitos. Every time the fish surfaced we dragged rigged eels and green machines past its nose, but to no avail. Whenever we lost sight of the marlin, we merely sought out the bird to betray its new position and sure enough, the fish would come up. Eventually, the fish satisfied its appetite and we cursed our poor luck, catching neither the marlin nor the now terrified bonito.

Besides the visual assists you can get by just observing the open ocean in search of a hotspot, your electronics can help a great deal. A sea water temperature gauge is indispensible in picking out prime areas. If none of the aforementioned visual sightings present themselves, a slight variation of one or two degrees in water temperature can be just the ticket. Plus, you can be sure every species of fish has a relative water temperature it's most comfortable in. If you're pursuing makos and you know they prefer 65 to 70 degree water, you can safely surmise that a 61 degree reading will yield few fish. A white line recording depth sounder is also an asset to any offshore excursion.

They can readily indicate underwater troughs, swift changes in depth or the bottom density changing from hard to soft or vice versa, all being good areas to start fishing. Of course, a Loran will take you back to these spots time after time and will also assist in finding those secret wrecks that hold an abundance of fish life. It's a good idea to keep a record book and write down every location where you caught a fish or got a strong hit or knockdown. You can sweep the area from all quarters until you can repeat the conditions of the strike, or maybe save the numbers for a future trip.

Well, all that's left is to consider my advice and go out there and do it yourself. Keep a sharp eye and an accurate log and in no time you'll see that a lot of what I've told you will happen for you, too. Let me know if you find any new ways of spotting those elusive game fish by writing to me care of The Fisherman.

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Where Surfmen Wear Black

by John Fritz

Ever since our ancestors tossed their first baited hook into the sea from the water's edge, surfmen have tried to devise means to increase their seaward reach. This distance has increased considerably as equipment has progressed from simple handlines, through conventional reels and Calcutta poles until we arrive at today's spinning reels and fiberglass rods. Even this equipment is being improved upon with graphite blanks and frictionless guides, but with it all the fisherman, who must keep his feet planted on the shore, has been restricted to a narrow band of water along the shore's edge.

There is a growing number of surf casters who are not satisfied with the limitations imposed upon shore-bound fishermen clad in standard waders and top. Electing instead to borrow the dress of scuba divers in their efforts to reach those distant rocks and sand bars heretofore beyond the reach of the most powerful cast. A beneficial side effect of this effort is the increased comfort, safety and confidence acquired by a wet suited angler over his counterpart wearing more customary surf gear. It should be pointed out that even with the improved mobility and buoyancy afforded to those wearing wet suits that there is a danger an unthinking angler will over-extend himself. The sea can be a cruel teacher for those who fail to realize the dangers inherent in this alien environment with its shifting sand bars, surging currents, and tumultuous surf and the real possiblity of a hungry shark drawn by the scent of fish on the stringer. There is an element of danger in any enterprise attempted in this life, but using common sense and a constant awareness of one's surroundings these risks can be kept at a minimum.

In no section of Long Island is the adoption of a wet suit more recognized than at Montauk. On this easternmost tip of the Island the surf is rarely quiet and usually when it is, the fishing close to the beach suffers, forcing knowledgeable surfmen to don their wet suits and push out to deeper waters. The techniques employed by the wet suit clan, who fish within the beam of the Lighthouse, can be divided into three categories, each surprisingly dissimilar for such a limited section of shore line.

Except for Joe Bragen, Jack Yee and the other regulars who are invariably found perched on Weakfish Rock, the north shore of the Point from North Bar to Scotts is the domain of surf fishermen who frequently spend much of their time in the water up to their armpits. In past years, when fishing the north side was more productive than it is today, there would often be two lines of anglers fishing North Bar. Those clad in conventional surf gear lining the water's edge and the wet suiters, barely discernible in the darkness, bobbing with the waves on the outer bar. On good nights both sets of anglers caught fish, but more and more frequently in recent years, it was only those anglers who ventured off the beach who had any chance of success. Even though this practice was most commonly used at North Bar, this same technique could be applied at either False Bar or Jones Reef.

On those occasions when the fish are not concentrated in any particular location, knowing anglers will try to cover as much terrain as possible. A technique which has proven successful on numerous occasions is as follows: At the start of the ebbing tide, push out into the water at North Bar as far as possible and work all sides of the rip until convinced that further effort is fruitless. Now, staying at the same depth, start bouncing your way down-tide towards the Light in much the way one would plug if he was standing on the shore. The speed with which one works his way east is best left to each individual's preference, but special attention should be given to the waters surrounding North Bar, Jones Reef and Scotts. If, upon reaching the small cove before the Lighthouse, without encountering any appreciable signs of fish, it is best to leave the water. At which time, one can call it quits or, if there is any tide remaining, start over again, for in many instances the fish will settle into an area during the latter stage of the tide.

Most surfmen fishing from the jumbled mass of boulders protecting the Lighthouse choose to wear the customary waders and top, although some provision is made to provide increased traction on their feet. Discounting the neophyte who fishes these rocks in sneakers and dungarees, the remaining anglers are divided between those who wear rubber pants over short boots and those in wet suits. In contrast to the methods practiced on the north side, fishermen at this location rarely enter the water, but are rather confronted with sheets of blinding spray. No matter how secure the openings on the top are closed, trickles of water regularly find their way to the inner garments. Even with the hood pulled

tightly around the face, a practice I am not comfortable with, the force of a frontal dousing drives some water into any minute gap in the seal. Rather than be concerned with dodging each breaking wave, the wet suit will permit one to disregard the repeated soakings and concentrate on working his lure.

The theory behind the wearing of a wet suit is that it traps a layer of water against the body where it is warmed to body temperature, thereby enabling the wearer to remain comfortable even though the surrounding water temperatures are cold. When standing perched on a rock in front of the Light, this effect is reduced, subjecting the angler to some discomfort, especially if there is an appreciable wind at the time. This can be alleviated somewhat by wearing a waterproof top over the wet suit which will trap the body heat and block the effects of a chill wind.

Experienced surfmen who fish the Light are aware of the need of a long-handled gaff or any sizable fish cannot be lifted ashore with the rod. There are occasions when even this gaff is inadequate and an angler must climb down among the rocks to retrieve a fish, a venture which is both challenging and threatening to a pair of precious waders, particularly when undertaken in a pounding surf. The added mobility and safety afforded to those attempting to scramble after a fish hung up on the outer edge of rocks is reason enough for donning a wet suit.

The final application for a wet suit is most frequently amongst the south side rocks where enterprising anglers swim to distant rocks awash in the relentless surf. For excursions such as this, a few slight equipment modifications should be made to better cope with this unique method of surf casting. To begin with, all unnecessary gear should be left on the shore. Just rod, reel, a belt with stringer and gaff and a small plug bag containing two or three favorite plugs is all that is needed. Many rock jockeys prefer to alter their gaff and stringer somewhat from the standard equipment used along the beach, preferring to use a stringer 10 or 12 feet in length which will allow the fish to lie in the water at the base of the rock. A stainless steel chain stringer can be shortened to any length desired by spacing a series of stainless steel split rings throughout its length, which can be looped over the clip on the belt. The handle of the gaff is extended, measuring approximately 30 inches, making it easier to reach a fish being washed back and forth around the rock. The point of the gaff is bent outward about two inches, forming what is commonly referred to as a pick gaff, ensuring positive penetration when the fish is slashed at, rather than lifted upward. After the fish is struck, the angler should take care to draw the fish towards him before attempting to lift it out of the water, for the open angle will permit the fisn to slide off the point easily.

Although some surfmen can fish an entire night without once resorting to the use of a neck light, it is an item which should always be available. An ideal waterproof light, one which is favored by many Montauk regulars, is the Tekna-Lite II. This light is available in two sizes; the smaller #222 model is preferred in all instances except when fishing under the Light, where the more powerful model is better equipped to spot fish being tossed about the rocks. The plastic body of these lights is virtually indestructible and completely waterproof, with the smaller model weighing a mere 3.25 ounces, a welcome feature when it must be clenched between the teeth to direct its beam. Both models are available at Kronuch's Tackle Shop in Montauk.

Swimming in Montauk's waters encumbered with even a minimum of gear can be tricky at best. The currents on the north side are more severe than those encountered in the Fort where the wave action is the most important element to contend with. Those experienced in dealing with these waters soon learn not to fight the currents, but rather use them to advantage. Instead of aiming directly at your objective, a method which will have you missing the mark and fighting the current to gain what was lost, it is best to start uptide and angle with the current.

All of these techniques have one thing in common and this is that the angler will be constantly required to maintain his footing on slippery rocks. Several types of footwear can be used as an aid in this endeavor, including ordinary cleated golf shoes, cleated slip-over rubbers, and felt soled sneakers. All are worn over booties which can be purchased at the local dive shop. The availability of golf shoes needs no explanation, but in order to add felts to a pair of sneakers one must obtain a kit containing the felts and glue from a local supplier or through the Surfcaster's Catalog. Those seeking a better quality of felt or felt in a greater quantity, can visit the Continental Felt Company located at 22 West 15th Street in New York City. It should be pointed out that the ankle high sneakers will provide a measure of added protection to the ankle bones, a welcome benefit when being buffeted among the rocks by a restless surf.

In these few paragraphs it is possible to give only the barest aspects of this unique phase of surfcasting and then only about its application to one locality. Throughout the course of a season I'm sure there are times when a wet suit would have allowed a disheartened angler the opportunity to reach those distant areas which harbor the fish. With more and more surfmen vying for a lesser amount of game fish, any advantage which will give one the edge should be looked into. Who knows—some day we may be looking to bar all boating within a quarter of a mile of the beach because they pose a hazard to surf fishermen.

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THE DARK SIDE OF CRABBING

by Jim Capossela

The author, a crabbing expert in his own right, outlines the most productive and enjoyable methods of gathering blue claws after dark.

Crabbing at night with a lantern ("jacking crabs" as it's called) is one of the shortest routes to an August picnic table set with cold beer, fresh garden tomatoes, bubbling hot butter and steamy red blue claws. When the moonlight dances on the barren tidal flats; when the sandpiper does his strange to-and-fro march at the wave line; when the night heron sends a chill up your spine—this is when the mysterious blue claw makes his presence most obvious.

As I write this, a crab run that is both unusually early and unusually strong is taking shape in the back bays of Long Island's south shore. This comes on the heels of an unusually good **late** run of big blue claws last October and November. Fine times have fallen on the New York crabber! Whether you attribute it to the recent mild winters, or to more complex factors such as random larval drift, this crabbing season may be the best in a string of very good ones. Take advantage of it, because we, near the northern fringe of the blue claw's prime range, can have very sparse years, too.

Jacking crabs is made such a good method by a peculiar trait of the blue claw crab: its propensity to swim on or near the surface at night (he almost never does this during daylight). It is my personal theory that most crab courting goes on during the witching hours, and that surface swimming is somehow part of the ritual. It certainly isn't a safety precaution. Nor does it seem related to the various seasonal migrations of the blue claw. Further, night roaming seems to have nothing to do with eating, since very, very little crab feeding appears to take place at night. I have caught a few crabs at night with bait, but usually the bait just sits there until the first wink of dawn. Far and away, the most active feeding period seems to be 4:30AM (or just before dawn) to about 9AM, though I would be anxious to hear from any crabbers who have done well with bait between darkness and 4AM.

Something, then, brings the blue claw up at night, and makes him very vulnerable to a team of adroit scappers. The equipment needed is quite simple.

A boat is extremely helpful, because it gives you both mobility and a little bit of height and thus a

Old wooden pilings make for some excellent crabbing by day or night.

favorable angle above the water. An ideal rig would be a 14 to 16 foot semi-V hull with a 5 to 15 hp. If, like me, you own only a jonboat of 12 feet, or even a little less, don't despair. On very protected backwaters or on smallish tidal creeks, a large boat is actually a hindrance, and a tiny craft under oar-power is all that is needed. A canoe will even suffice in certain locales.

Assuming you are running a fair-sized boat, a team of three fishermen will work like a charm. The stern man, of course, runs the motor. The middle man shines the lantern (which we'll tell you how to make), and the bow man does the actual scapping. A scap net of 10 feet would be great, though some night crabbers claim that eight feet is perfectly adequate. At this time of year, almost all the bait and tackle shops along Montauk Highway sell crab scap nets. Just be sure to look for one with a nice lightweight aluminum handle, and a bag made of rugged and closely spaced mesh so the crabs won't tangle in it.

Friend Bill Branciforte, who has done a lot of night crabbing on both Great South and Barnegat Bays, has devised an excellent rig that you can make for a few bucks (see photo). The handle is nothing more than a six foot wooden tool handle, which you could even temporarily borrow from an old push broom. Attached via wood screws to the top of the pole is an ordinary automotive sealed beam—a high beam is recommended. Then, #12 wire is taped along the shaft of the handle and connects to a 12-volt battery. Large alligator clips are okay to make this connection; but alternately, you could set sheet metal screws down into the **top** of each battery terminal and connect your wires to the screws, tightening down as you do so. A well-charged 12-volt battery will hold up for a full night's worth of crabbing.

The technique is simplicity itself—one of the big attractions of crabbing in the first place. The light man should rotate the beam slowly like a beacon to cover the water around the boat methodically. Some crabs will not seem to care about the light. Others, though, will be frightened by it and dive down quickly. In all cases, the scapper has to be quick and agile, timing his stabs just right. It is interesting to note that crabs don't swim **exclusively** on top at night. Just as many will be seen roaming the bottom, and as long as you are working water that is fairly shallow and not too murky, you'll bag a lot of bottom huggers. To carry that a step further, it's been my experience that in places where crabs are only marginally abundant, not enough crabs will be seen on top to make a night of it. Jacking crabs is best reserved for places where crabs are visibly numerous.

Where does one begin? Well, this leads us to another important trait of the blue claw: he is a very far-roaming critter, and you may find concentrations of crabs almost anywhere IF you are on good crabbing grounds in the first place. Nonetheless, there are a few places I would seek out on unknown waters.

Owning a boat is not a prerequisite for night crabbing.

Almost any bridge should be considered a possibility. Under bridges there are faster currents where crabs may be "funnelled" through one way or the other—often with the moving tide. Additionally, crabs love to hang into bridge pilings—where they can be easily scapped—and they also love to hide **under** bridges in the daytime, ostensibly to avoid sunlight. Many may simply stay through darkness. The Captree Bridge, which spans Great South Bay offers excellent jacking opportunities.

Any place where a tidal creek widens out into a bigger bay harbors good potential. If the creek itself is wide enough, try to navigate up it; true tidal creeks—the ones that will keep on running even after low tide—can be deadly.

I believe that crabs may be attracted to the surface where there is a large area of diffused light, such as around a marina or restaurant. One day a friend and I arrived at Toms River, New Jersey, only to find that the boat rental place didn't open till 7AM. This left three hours to fiddle away. But while my partner went to sleep in the car, I started roaming the docks with my scap net and lantern, and by 7AM I already had about three dozen blue claws—easy marks that seemed to have been drawn in by the many lights around the docking area.

There are several variations of jacking crabs from a boat, and one of them revolves around a particular location you should seek out: patches of weeds (and preferably a specific type of weed, "eelgrass"). With this technique, one or more people get out of the boat and kick through these patches of weeds while the scapper and light man remain in the boat on the other side of the weed patch.

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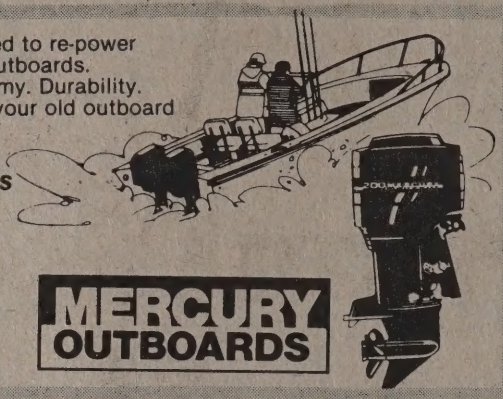

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Often, crabs will come darting out of the weeds, and many of these will be big males or "jimmies." Why? My theory is that they are seeking out the females that have chosen the weeds as refuge, just prior to shedding. (With few exceptions, copulation between crabs only takes place immediately after a female has just molted for the last time in her life cycle. Jimmies seem to unfailingly pair up with the right females.) Of course, for this technique you must stick to very shallow water and low tide periods, and you may need waders or at least old trousers and snakers. If all persons are out of the boat, and you're working a big piece of the bay, float a bushel basket on top of an inflated truck tube and push it along as you go. It's easier than going back to the boat—or back to shore—every time you scap a crab. Note: Working the weeds is also a viable method during daylight. A few old-time commercial men know that softshells can be gathered in by "raking" the weed beds with a large, triangular net. I've never seen these nets sold commercially, but I will try to present plans for a homemade one in a future Fisherman article.

Lacking a boat, you can still catch crabs at night. As mentioned, crabs can be scapped along marinas or other places where there is some type of overhead light and hopefully, wooden pilings. Another good spot is where a creek, or any two bodies of water having tidal action, are "crimped" together, as by a bridge. In such a spot, strong currents seem to push all the crabs up to the top, and by just scapping from the top or sides of the bridge, you can do extremely well. Shore-based crabbers may need longer nets, though, and I've seen homemade contrivances that looked to be every bit of 16 feet.

Besides the narrow channels, small tidal creeks are good for the boatless set, as long as the banks of the creek aren't so marshy as to prevent walking. Another good shore spot is where there are a lot of docks, pilings, bulkheads or abutments. Crabs love to hang onto these things, and are much more prone to do so during darkness. It's surprising how fast a nimble crabber can fill a bushel just going from piling to piling.

I've often said that I'd rather crab than do anything, and numerous former girl friends and employers will vouch for it. But one thing I'd rather **not** do is crab around a lot of other people. If you feel the same way, then maybe you should consider giving "The Dark Side of Crabbing" a try!

Editor's Note: Jim Capossela is an avid blue claw crab fisherman and has written one of the best books on crabbing methods, biological background and where to find these tasty critters. For a copy of his comprehensive book, send $3.95 plus $.75 postage and handling to: Northeast Press, Box 188-A, Tarrytown, New York 10591; or order it through The Fisherman Library.

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ORIENT FLUKE

by William A. Muller

North Fork fluke grounds continue to gain in popularity as more and more anglers discover the potential of this fishery.

Actually the title is a misnomer since fluke fishing in the extreme eastern end of Long Island Sound is often good from Mattituck Inlet to Orient. However, since there are few places to rent or launch a boat from Mattituck all the way to Orient and because the most eastern waters, such as Horton's, Truman's, Petty's Bight, and Orient itself, are best reached via access from the Port of Egypt Auxiliary Station at Orient, we decided to call this piece "Orient Fluke."

Before going any further it is important to point out that some mighty good fluking can be had a bit to the west around Mattituck Inlet. From this inlet one can fish the pipeline, Duck Point, Bailey's Beach, and the waters near the inlet mouth. However, this area has already been covered by others and will be covered again soon. If you're interested in this region for your fishing, call Caraftis Fishing Station in Mattituck. Those fine folks will gladly fill you in.

Back to Orient. Usually an article such as this will start with all the basics: tackle, rigs, lines, tides, seasons and all that. However, The Fisherman publishes many fluke articles all summer long and each, in its turn, goes over tackle and rigs, bait and techniques. Of course, we'll touch on these, but I'd rather assume you can apply the standard tried and true fluke rigs and tackle to the Orient fishing. Really, the same rigs that worked for you in Great South Bay will do the job here. I would point out that I prefer not to use flashy spinners and other adornments for fluke regardless of where I fish for them. Some years ago several members of our staff were big on tandem hook rigs for fluke. I proved with satisfaction to myself that the simplest rigs did a better job—on most days.

There are a couple of differences between the south shore fluking and the East End north shore version. One is the season. Fluke addicts begin to take fluke in May along the south shore. Not true in the Sound, and the farther east you go the later the season seems to start. Fluking near Mattituck Inlet may be in full stride by early or mid June, but near Orient the fishing builds slowly reaching its peak in July—usually late July. The typical sequence is for the fluke to start off Mattituck, then fish will be taken at Horton's, then Truman's, and finally the most eastern grounds. If you have the wheels and the "propellers," you can follow the fish east and take your share from June through the early fall. That's right, although the peak fishing ends in early August, there are enough fish around, weather permitting, to still take enough for dinner in early October.

The second key difference between the south shore fluking and the north shore is the average size of the fish. In south shore waters, the keeper to throwback ratio is low and the big fish mix here and there with the shorts and keepers. Since the small fluke are the most aggressive, it can be near to impossible to cull out a doormat from almost any inlet sand bar. Yes, there are the short runs of bigger fish, but typically the local sharpies get in on this action rather than the occasional visitor. Near Orient, however, the average size of the fluke is often bigger and it is not unusual to run into entire schools of bigger fish. Here, as elsewhere, doormats are uncommon. I guess the best place to fish for doormats would be Montauk and even there you would have to work at it. For doormats at Montauk, you have to restrict your fishing to late August and early September; second, you'd have to fish almost exclusively on the south side grounds (there are sometimes exceptions), and you should fish with live snappers, tinker mackerel, or whole fresh squid for best results.

Now when I say you could easily run into schools of bigger fish at Orient, I'm talking about fish in the three to five pound range. Fish of this size

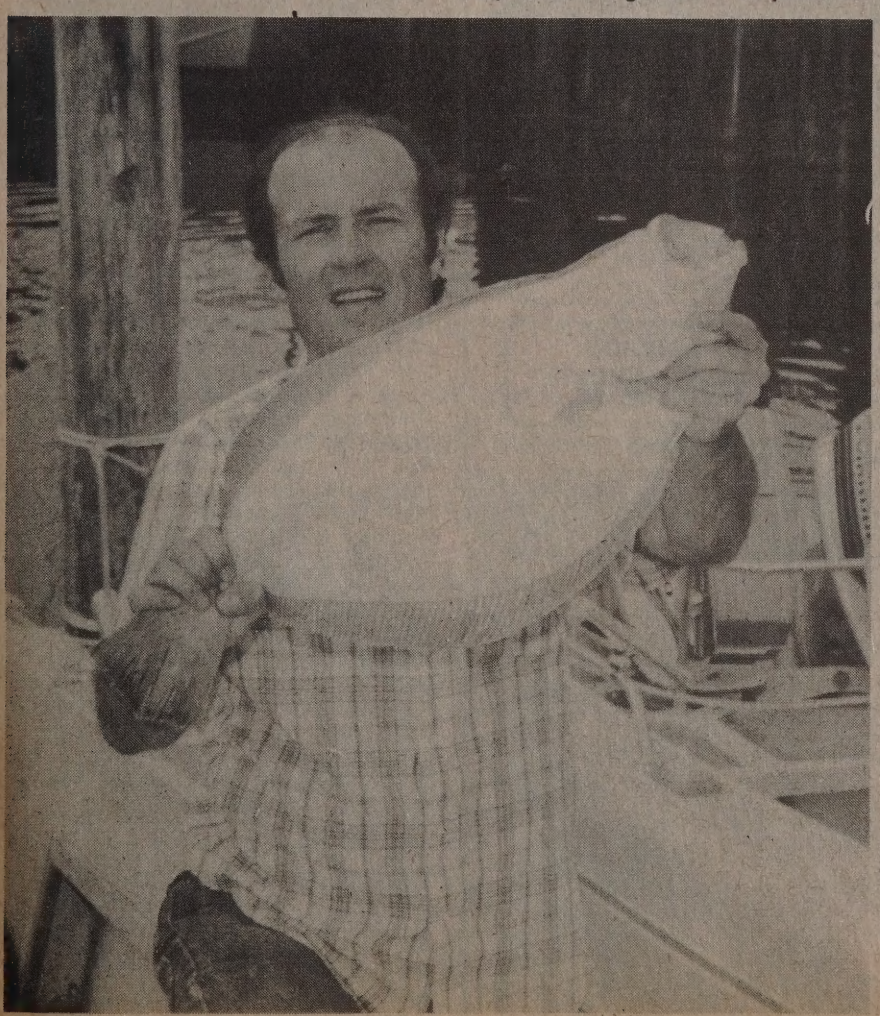
Wide-mouth nets are essential for landing even small fluke, but a must for bigger specimens.

may be pool winners on south shore boats, but that could, on any given day, be the average sized fish out east. Now, before the letters come pouring in, I'm not knocking the south shore fluke fishing. It is close, convenient, comfortable in quiet waters, easy, thanks to the help of many experienced charter and party boat captains, and the action can be fast and furious. However, the fish are bigger in Orient waters.

One of the best places to fish is the shoal on the west end of Truman's Beach. On the outgoing tide the water comes flying off shallow sandy shoal into slightly deeper water. Usually there are big schools of sand eels on the shoal and you can watch the terns working them. As the current gets stronger, the bait begins to be swept to the east and the fluke begin to stack up ready for the attack. The bottom is clean here and there are very few places where you will hang up and lose your rigs. The water is also quite shallow and therefore it is often possible to cast bucktails for the fluke. If the fish are there in any numbers and the drift is with the wind and not against it, you'll be able to work the small 3/8 ounce bucktail by bouncing along the sand. A strip of squid will enhance the effectiveness of the bucktail. White bucktails are best on most days and thin squid strips best.

The shoal at Truman's is not the only place that holds fluke in numbers. In fact, you'll catch the toothy flatfish from Mattituck Inlet to Orient Point itself and then around on the south shore of Orient in the trough near the beach at Long Beach. Now, of course, fluke are not at every location every day, but certainly through most of July and into the first few weeks in August the sandy bottom areas along the north side from Truman's to the fish trap areas just to the east of the Port of Egypt Auxiliary Station will produce. Check with local boat liveries and bait and tackle stores for the precise spots that have produced in recent days. The changing winds and other weather conditions move the bait around and so, too, the fluke. It's wise to ask two questions when you inquire about where the good fishing is. First, ask where fluke are being caught in quantity regardless of size. Second, ask where the bigger fish are being taken. Generally, the quantity and quality will not occur in the same spot. In this way you can "pick your poison" as the saying goes. That is, if you aren't fussy about size and want a lot of action you might opt for spot "A," but if you prefer quality fish you might choose spot "B."

Getting to the fish might not be as easy as catching them once you're on the water. On the East End north fork there are few access points. There is a ramp at Mattituck Inlet, but that one is for residents only and the rule is strictly enforced. The Caraftis Boat Livery has a ramp, too, and the station is on the inlet. You can also make a reservation for a skiff. The fluke fishing near Mattituck is generally best in late June into early July. However, at Orient things get a bit tougher. The Port of Egypt Auxiliary Station rents skiffs and motors near the Point and there is also a good launch ramp there that can be used for a small fee. However, the station is on the Sound and therefore launching is limited on days when the wind is moderate or strong out of any northerly direction, or due west or due east. Days with light winds from any direction present no problem at all. Generally, if you arrive at the station and find the conditions too rough for launching the folks at the station will direct you to another ramp on the south side of the Point that provides access in the vicinity of Long Beach. If it's windy and there are fluke off Long Beach then launching at Orient by the Sea on the south side is a good bet. However, if there isn't good fluking off Long Beach, the wind may prevent the trip around the Point into Long Island Sound. Remember, that narrow gap between Orient Point and Plum Island funnels tremendous quantities of water on the moving tide. Even moderate winds combined with surging tides can make this area treacherous for a small skiff. The outer portion of this narrow gap is called Plum Gut and I'm sure most of familiar with the reputation of the Gut in nasty weather. So please be cautious. The fish will be there on another day that might be a lot calmer and safer.



The author shows a doormat that couldn't resist a large killie bait.

Regardless of where you find the fluke, remember that fluke fishing in these waters is different than in south shore bays. In fact, the fluke fishing here is more similar to that at Montauk. The fish tend to concentrate near the rips, but under the right conditions they may spread out a bit downtide out of the rip. Therefore, at the peak of the tide make short drifts through the rips. When the pick-ups stop, the speed of the boat's drift slows, and no fish are taken, reel in the lines, crank up the engine, and make another drift. It is important to repeat your drifts as accurately as possible if you are catching fish. Therefore, take ranges and when you run the boat uptide try to triangulate the ranges in order to pass over the same bottom again and again.

However, as the tidal force wanes, the fish may drop back off the structure that produced the rip. The bait which may have concentrated going through the rips for protection, may now spread out or virtually disappear completely. Therefore, the fluke will drop into deeper water downtide and begin hunting. These

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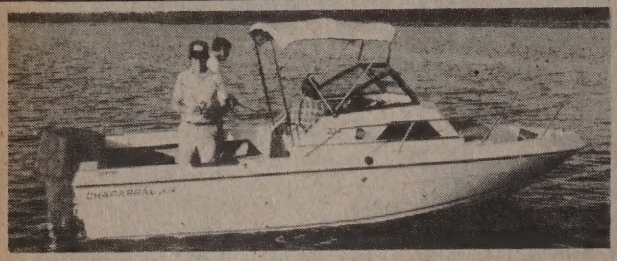

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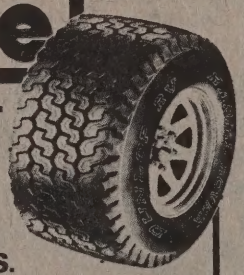

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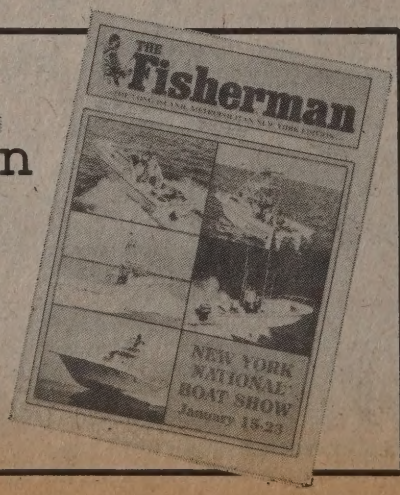

conditions can actually produce the best fishing of the day because the fluke are actively hunting food rather than waiting for the tide to bring the food to them. It is important to have a decent drift under these conditions and if the wind is very light, the tide may not be strong enough to move the boat fast enough. That's when trolling at very slow speeds can pay big dividends.

All the standard fluke baits work well on the Orient grounds. Squid strips are always popular because the fluke eat squid in nature and the bait is durable. If squid is your choice, then make an effort to get the local squid rather than the stuff that comes from Monterey, California. Most East End boat liveries and bait and tackle stores carry the local squid. Ask for "local" squid and not simply squid. Sand eels, spearing, and combinations of these with a strip of squid are also effective. Many people use fluke belly strips as well as mackerel strips. All work well. However, my preference is for large live killies; the bigger and livelier the better. Most places out east do not handle live killies and, therefore, acquiring them may be difficult. However, if you are coming from the west it might be worthwhile to stop at a station along the south shore and pick up a quart of killies. Keep them in the killie cart which is then placed in a large plastic pail or even a 50 gallon plastic garbage pail if your boat can handle that. Use local sea water from the station where you buy your killies. Ahead of time freeze water in a half-gallon milk container and throw this in the pail with the water and killies. The ice will keep the water cool, the oxygen content in the water high, and the killies should survive the trip east.

First, cut a thin strip of squid about six or seven inches long and place this on the hook. Cut the strip in a pennant shape and put the hook through the bait once at the wide end. Next, hook a big killie in the tail (not the fin, but the muscle in front of the tail fin, but do not go through the bone). Lower this to the bottom. Remember you'll ideally be drifting with the tide, so as your bait bounces below, the tail-hooked killie will appear to be struggling to swim against the tide. The struggling drives the fluke crazy. The killies also stay alive longer this way. Often the fluke will pounce on this bait combo rather than the gentle pick-up typical of fluke. If this happens set the hook quickly and with authority.

Finally, a word or two about the best conditions. An ebbing tide is generally best and a mild breeze with the tide makes for a better drift. A wind against the tide situation fouls the drift especially if the wind and tide forces are about equal. The worst situation is when the force of the wind is greater than the force of the tide so that your drift opposes the tide. The bait will not move naturally and usually the fluke will be very hard to fool.

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MOUNT YOUR "JAWS"

by Fred Waltzinger

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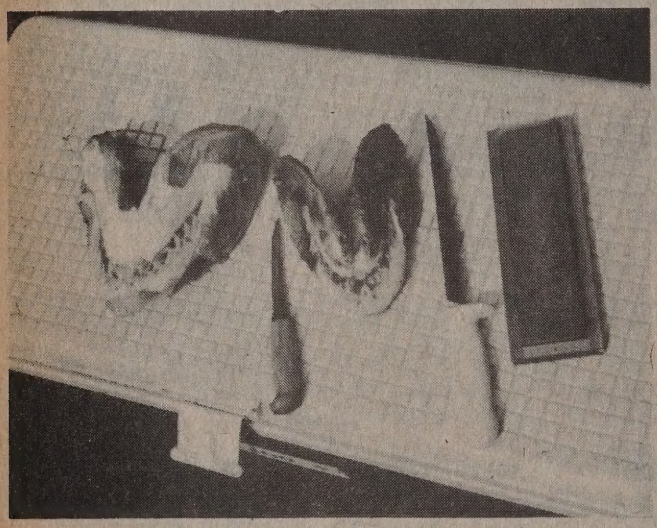
Now that you have caught your shark and have all the steaks packed for the freezer, you can start on your jaw mount.

The first step is to remove the jaws from the head. Turn the head over so that the jaws are upward or facing you. Remember, sharks do not have bones; make sure that you work slowly and carefully when cutting out both the upper and lower jaws and during the cleaning as they are made of cartilage and can be easily cut or nicked. Starting from the center of the lower jaw, make two outward cuts following the curve of the jaw, one on each side toward the hinge. Sharks' lower jaws have a tendency to flare outward, so special care should be used. Extra meat and skin can be removed later. Continue cutting well around the corners of the mouth so that you can start on the upper jaw. Cut along the inner side of the upper jaw on each side of the mouth, meeting in the front. At this point, the jaws should be free from the head.

Now you must remove as much as possible of the remaining skin and flesh. Remember—slow, careful cutting with a sharp knife or a pair of small scissors is the only way to do it. Take your time. It will be well worth it in the long run. This is also the only way to do it. Suggestions of boiling, letting the crabs and fish eat them clean, or even burying them in the garden will only result in a mess and cause the teeth to fall out.

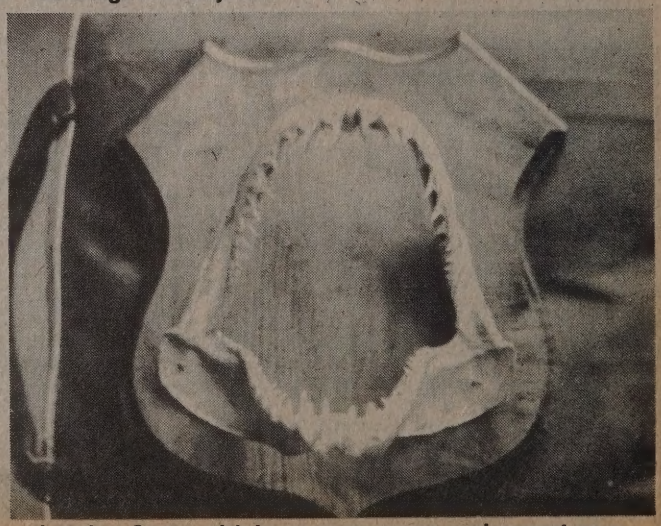
After your jaws have been trimmed to the best of your ability, they must be cured. The method that I like best



Remove the jaws from the shark's head with a sharp knife.

Trim away excess meat being careful not to cut the cartilage of the jaw.

Place jaws in a plastic bag with cool water and perodixe which will eat away the remaining flesh.



Let dry. Spray with lacquer or epoxy and mount on a trophy plaque.

is a solution of 50 percent cool water and 50 percent peroxide. Place the trimmed jaws in a strong plastic bag and cover with the 50-50 solution of water and peroxide. Then suspend the plastic bag containing the jaws and solution in a five gallon bucket of water with two or three snap clothespins. After about an hour, take the jaws out of the solution and see if it is clean. If the flesh is not completely eaten away, put them back into the solution. Remember not to leave them in the peroxide too long. The peroxide will eat the jaws away to nothing but the teeth if they are left in too long. To stop the action of the peroxide, place the jaws in cool water for 2 or 3 hours.

The next step is drying. The jaws should be placed in the desired position—opened or closed. Two small holes in the jaw will allow it to be attached to a drying board. A piece of wood can be used to prop the jaw open. With the jaws secured to the drying board, I stored them in the cellar where our dehumidifier helps the drying process and also seems to eliminate any unpleasant odor. Look at the jaws everyday to see how the drying is coming along. After about a week, you will notice small cracks appearing. The jaws are now dry and ready for lacquering. Remove the jaws from the drying board and take the stick out of the jaw.

Suspend the jaws in a large cardboard box with some old monofilament. Using an aerosol can of clear lacquer, spray the jaws five or six times, allowing each coat to thoroughly dry before applying the next coat. Make sure that the lacquer gets into each little crack and crevice.

The final step is the mounting of your trophy. The jaws are now ready to be attached to a shield-shaped mounting board of natural finished mahogany, teak, stained pine or a clear piece of 1/4 inch lexan. Paint the wall side of the lexan with a shiny finish enamel to show off the white set of jaws. The jaws should be drilled and attached to the mounting board with stainless steel screws or a small set of bolts. The lexan should be tapped and drilled prior to screwing the jaws in place. The inscribed description tag should also be attached. Congratulations! Your mount is now ready to be hung with your other fishing trophies!

Just a few other words. After a long day of sharking, you don't always have the time or energy to start on your set of jaws. The whole head or the rough cut jaws can be kept on ice or in the refrigerator in a plastic bag (ask your wife's permission) for a few days until you have time to trim the jaws. Lysol disinfectant spray will eliminate any unpleasant odor that might be present in the room during the drying period. Finally, any dark stain can be removed from the jaws with Clorox to ensure a uniform set of white jaws. Remember to take your time when removing the skin and flesh from the jaws. You won't be disappointed.

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Bluefish	15
Weakfish	10
Pollock	20

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Bluefin Tuna	200
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Brown Trout	3
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Rainbow Trout	2
Largemouth Bass	4

TWO FOR THE SHOW

by Andy Regina

The author provides some food for thought to those who chase Long Island Sound fluke.

The day started normally enough. There was nothing to distinguish it from one hundred other summer days in the Big Apple. It was beautiful, what "Red" Barber used to call "bluebird weather"—bright and sunny with a gentle, cool breeze tickling the goose-bumps it evoked on arms bare under the short-sleeves mandated by the season. Only a brilliant, copper-colored sun suspended in a cloudless sky gave any indication of the scorching heat yet to come. Summer here is like that though: cool and nippy in the early morning, then hot as hell in the afternoon. It's something we New Yorkers have learned to live with.

Captain Pete Anderson maneuvered the big party boat, North Star, expertly out of her berth and headed south along City Island before turning east into the vast expanse of Long Island Sound. We chatted as we were under way, or rather, I chatted while Pete mostly listened, turning my monologue into a conversation only with an occasional "yep" or "gotcha" by way of reply. A captain in his wheelhouse is too busy to devote his attention to idle chatter. Running the boat requires all his attention, almost every second of the time. Pete's eyes never quit. If he wasn't checking the gauges on his instrument panel, he was reading the compass, or scanning our path for debris or keeping an eye on other boats in our vicinity. We slid past familiar landmarks as the north shore drifted relentlessly by off the starboard rail: past Execution Light on the port side, then Sand's Point and Prospect Point on our right. Hempstead and Matinecock followed suit. We were headed for Smithtown and porgies and we still had quite a way to go when our galley chef, Milton Vogel, thoughtfully sent hot coffee up to the wheelhouse. I welcomed a cup of the steaming brew, satisfying the inner man while shaking off the early morning chill.

Porgies were stacked up near Northport, or Eaton's, or Lloyd's. Though they were abundant in ever-increasing numbers and sizes, the trick was in locating them first. Today's hotspot could prove to be tomorrow's flop, and vice versa; but the fish were definitely around in force. Naturally, before you can catch any fish you must definitely first locate them. This holds especially true for porgies because of their disposition for disappearing. These fish are so shy that they split in an instant at the slightest disturbance. At times, they'll return in a few minutes or so, and other times they may not return for hours. They have been known not to return at all. I guess it depends on what spooks them, and I guess that the depth of the water makes a difference, too.

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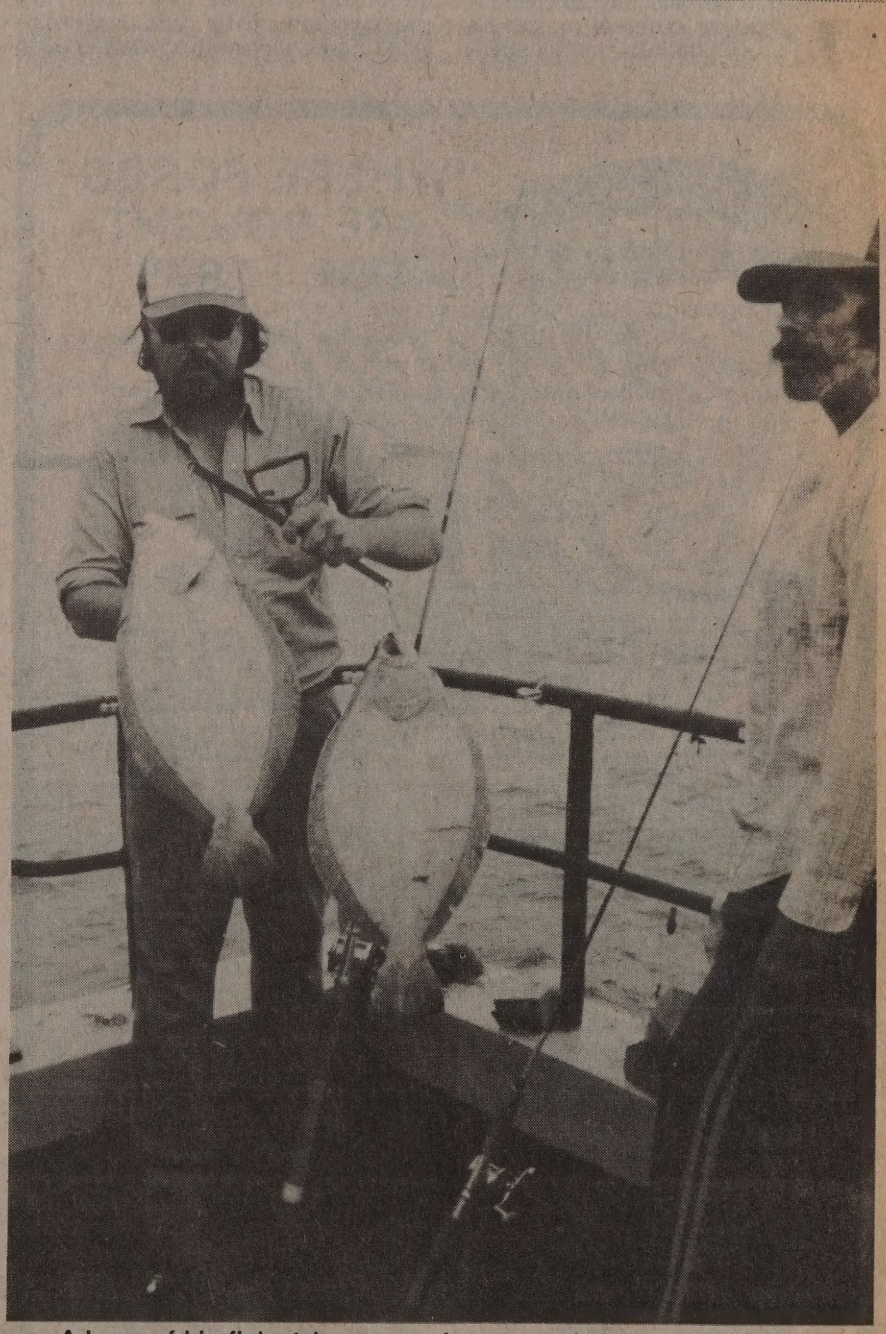

A brace of big fluke taken on sandworms settled this pool this day.

Water conducts sound; shallow depths record surface disturbances, whereas deeper water might tend to act as a muffler. Boats barreling through other boats busily catching porgies almost invariably put a halt to the action, and tools, sinkers, or other heavy objects clattering to the decks of anchored boats can cause mass migrations also. Besides noise, another thing that makes porgies scurry in a hurry is bluefish. It's no surprise, though, 'cause if I was a porgy I'd get lost as fast as I could when bluefish came around, too. If you ever start reeling in the flapping top halves of porgies, my advice is to either rig-up for bluefish or leave—'cause you ain't gonna catch too many whole porgies there for awhile!

So vital to successful porgy fishing is this awareness of their innate shyness that most good skippers do not even run their generators over feeding fish, lest the hum of the motor scares the fish. So, as we approached our desired starting location, Pete slowed the North Star to a quiet glide that brought us near buoy 15, off Lloyd's, and the mates silently dropped the anchor as we slid to a halt opposite the stunning panorama of some of the world's most beautiful scenery. I never tire of admiring the rugged, boulder-strewn shoreline, the gleaming beaches that run into towering sand cliffs, and the profusion of greenery nestled high against the sky. Sprinkled sporadically through the dense trees are some houses, half-hidden by the lush growth, as if to escape detection by envious eyes. If you've never enjoyed the view, you are missing one of life's pleasures; if you are familiar with the scenery, I'm sure you will agree that it worth seeing again and again.

On the trip out, the mates had rigged each rod with three hooks: a tandem-tied double right above the sinker and a swinging single hook about two feet up the line. That high hook was insurance. It paid premiums of weakfish, suckered into biting by the big, juicy sandworms we put there. Our bottom hooks got the same bait, too; but where we only used whole worms on the high hook, here we put half-worms on the hooks. We ran the worm up the hook as far as the hook eye, then brought the point and barb through the worm, which allowed the remainder of the worm to trail from the bend in a natural manner while the hook point was bared for instant stickin'. The high hook was baited the same way, but because it was a whole worm, more of it trailed from the bend to wriggle enticingly. We caught more than an occasional weakfish on that high hook. It not only fooled striped bass and bluefish, but some big sea bass and blackfish as well as some of the biggest flounder and porgies. I believe that when that high hook is riding about two feet off the bottom, it not only attracts game fish that feed at mid-levels, but large bottom feeders that do not mind swimming up a bit if the bait is big enough.

That hook does not always ride that high off the bottom anyway. If you could maintain your line completely perpendicular, that hook might possibly stay where it is meant to, dependent on the weight of hook and bait, leader length and strength, and the force of the current. However, as we fish, our lines go off at an angle away from us, this time not only dependent on the current, but line diameter and sinker weight as well. The greater the angle created between line and rod tip, the closer that high hook will be to the bottom, very often coming to rest merely an inch or two above the bottom rather than the two feet we set it for. Try it yourself at home, with a ruler. Stand the ruler vertically on a table, with the 12 inch mark resting on the table top. Note that the 10 inch mark is exactly two inches above the table top. Now gradually tilt the ruler towards a horizontal plane and you will note that the 10 inch mark gradually gets closer to the table top. The distance is in direct ratio to the amount of degrees that the ruler is moved away from its vertical plane; the smaller the angle of intersection between ruler and table top, the closer the 10 inch mark to the table top.

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of the angle formed between our line and rod tip. The further the cast, the closer the hook to the bottom. It's that simple. At any rate, be advised that this high hook not only catches large fish most of the time, but provides variety to your catches as well; so it might prove beneficial to you at times. We caught many porgies that day, but nothing of any real size and no weakfish either. In his quest for larger fish and greater quantities, the captain moved the boat at irregular intervals, prompted by decreases in the action. Each move brought us further east, until by late afternoon we were off the four stacks that pinpoint the power plant at Northport. While waiting for the boys to drop anchor, we were taken by surprise when Pete blew one blast on the horn, the time-honored signal for party boat patrons to start fishing. We were going to drift, a maneuver not generally associated with porgy fishing.

I shot Pete an inquiring glance, as if to ask, "How come?" and Pete said that the pool was settled everyday for the past week by a big weakfish caught while drifting during the tidal change, as was the case at that moment. "Besides," he kidded, "you guys need all the help you can get, which is why I brought you to this place. Now it's up to one of you to get a big fish, one for the money." I laughed, because I had heard that bull for years, from a host of skippers. It was more a ruse to stimulate fading interests than anything else. I racked my rod and picked up my camera. I sorely needed all the weakfish action I could beg, borrow, or steal.

"Now I'll show you how to catch fish with this Ugly Stik," one of the regular clique of zanies told me, picking up my brand new rod. That remark got a lot of laughs from the railbirds in the stern, especially when he added that he was gonna use my bait, too. I also laughed. It was his turn at bat, but my turn would come later—I'd wait for the exact moment to get my revenge. I tried to ignore the kidding now going on in full swing, busying myself by pre-focusing my camera at various hoped-for spheres of action.

As the boat drifted away from the beach, no action was forthcoming, so I started wielding my blunt-edged sword of sarcasm at one and all, only to be brought-up short when this guy hauled back on a nice fish—with my rod, no less! The fish was big and put up a strong, determined underwater battle as I started to photograph the events. As the fish neared the surface, we were all greatly surprised because it wasn't a weakfish after all, but a big doormat fluke. As the big fish was expertly dispatched by our mate, another angler right next to us struck into a big fish also, and I tried to record that battle as he fought what we thought was a big weakfish. Naturally, you can imagine our surprise when a second doormat fluke appeared, even bigger than the first one, also caught on a whole sandworm intended for weakfish!

When you've been fishing for a long time, like yours truly, you become a stoic; nothing surprises you on the saltwater scene any more. Just when you become firmly convinced that anything goes, something happens to amaze you. Here we've been fishing for fluke with baitfish, squid, fish strips, or what have you, and these two monsters took worm baits! It shouldn't have surprised us though, because fluke are predators and those whole sandworms swimming just off the bottom sure must have looked good. Why not? Isn't the north shore one long, sandy beach? And aren't sandworms found on this type of structure? So, if fluke are in the Sound, wouldn't they chase sandworms as well as baitfish? Maybe the worms represented a welcome change in their diets; maybe there were too much sand eels or spearing or something, right? I know that I get tired of eating the same old thing time after time, even if it's steak. Maybe those fish felt the same way.

All I do know is that we had to rewrite the script that day. When Captain Pete told us to get one for the money, he didn't say half enough, because those two big doormats nailed down first and second money in the pool—there was no competition. So when Pete told us to "get one for the money," he should have added, "and two for the show!"

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DEEP TROLLING BLUES

by Pete Barrett

PART TWO — DOWNRIGGERS

"That's a big fish for six pound line!" was the comment from Bill Davies as I gaffed a bluefish that appeared to be about 12 pounds in weight. What was remarkable about the catch, aside from Bill's expert handling of his tackle and the light line, was the fact that the fish was hooked in 130 feet of water!

We did it by trolling a small Bomber plug down deep off a downrigger, the only way to get down that deep while trolling. Bill's fish also shows the two strong points of downrigger trolling for the saltwater angler—you can get deeper than with any other method and you can use light tackle.

Wire line and planers are limited to use where the fish are no deeper than 50 feet. If you are marking blues below that level, you either have to troll them on downriggers or use diamond jigs to get all the way down. Diamonds work with outstanding success when the fish are schooled tightly in concentrations, but when the recorder shows scattered fish in small pods, then the downrigger is the answer.

Tackle can range from heavy duty gear like Daiwa 50H, Penn 500M, Triton MII or an Ambassadeur 7000 to much lighter conventional equipment like Penn 930, Shimano SG50 and Daiwa PMF127H. Spinning tackle can be used too if you prefer. You should choose rods with an eye towards action with lots of backbone. Some of the fish you hook may be in very deep water and you have to lift them. A weepy rod will do nothing but bend clear down to the butt and not apply much pressure to the fish.

Vic Galgano of Spider Lures used spinning tackle off a Penn Fathom Master to catch this bluefish on light line. Lure was a Jointed Squid Eel.

Despite the advantage of being able to use light tackle, I prefer medium weight tackle as the best all around choice. Small conventional reels like those already mentioned and filled with 15 to 20 pound test are fine. Too heavy and you lose the sport; too light and you lose too many fish.

Light lines require extra attention to the downrigger release mechanism to be sure it won't fray the line. I wrap a rubber band around the line where it comes in contact with the release clip, and I've seen others use a piece of paper of matchbook cover to protect the line.

Small lures with sharp hooks are a must for light line fishing. A larger lure simply won't penetrate the fish's mouth because of the light drag setting and fragile line. That's one major reason why I prefer the medium weight tackle. You can set the hook with authority, yet still use tackle that is sporting and fun to use.

One of the critical factors in presenting a lure off the downrigger is the length of the dropback—the distance from the trolling ball or weight to the lure itself. My experience has shown that the longer dropbacks are best and I usually start off with at least 50 feet of line distance from the weight to the lure. That distance may be increased to 75 or 100 feet if no strikes are occurring, yet I'm marking fish. The length of the dropback can be critical to your success and this one factor alone is responsible for turning some fishermen off to the techniques of downrigger fishing. I can think of three friends who tried downriggers and were disappointed in the catching ability of the rigs because they were using too short a dropback.

The Fisherman has run many articles on how to use downriggers, so only a brief description of the technique will be covered here. The reel is put in free spool and the lure dropped back into the wake as far as you want it to be positioned behind the trolling ball. Snap the line to the trolling weight, then lower the ball to the depth that the recorder is reading

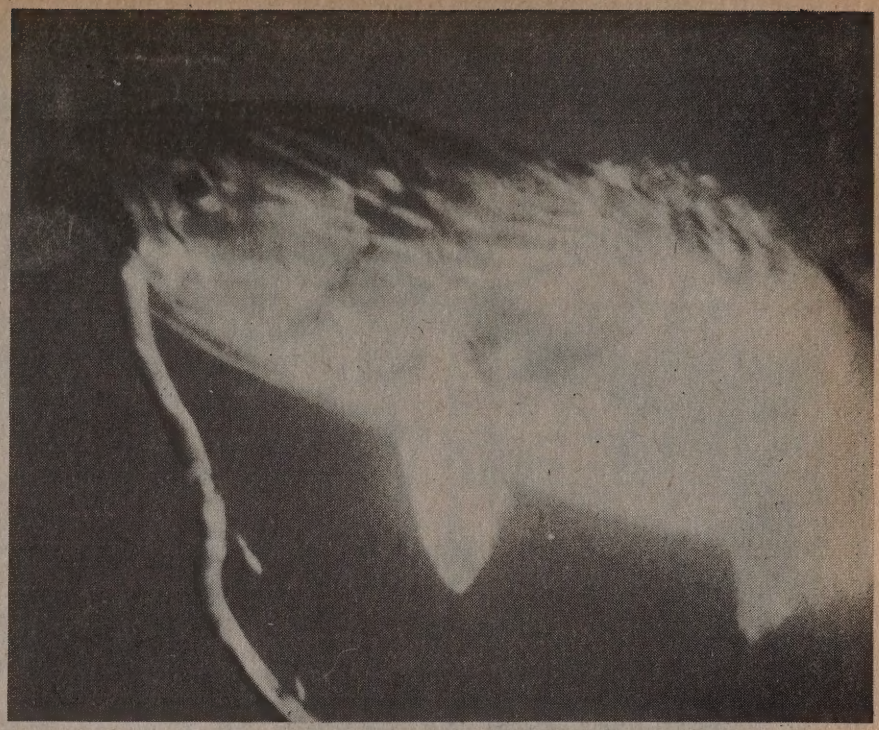
fish. Put the reel back into gear and place it in a rod holder with the click on and the drag set.

At the strike, the line is yanked from the ball release and almost immediately the line comes tight with a slight jerk of the line which some fishermen feel helps to set the hook—almost automatically. Actually there is tension on the line at all times because of water pressure against the line while you troll, so there is only a slight loss of tension to the lure.

The only lures that won't work well with downriggers are very large spoons like the bunker spoons and large Acetta Pet spoons. Every other lure will work, and I've used the large spoons, too, with some success.

The best lures are smaller spoons, swimming plugs, nylons, tube lures and umbrella rigs. Bucktails will work better on weakfish but can also catch blues. I add a stinger hook on bucktails so the tail hook keeps the blue's teeth away from the line.

Just as with planers and wire, no wire leader is used to connect the line to the lure. Most strikes will put the fish right at the hook, not up at the head end of the lure. Because of the possible fraying of the line when using very light line, some anglers use a leader slightly longer than the distance from the trolling ball to the wire. This heavier line takes much of the abuse of the release clip, rubbing from fish or against the side of the boat. Of course, if you fish too long a leader there's no sense in using light tackle.



Underwater shot of squid eel caught bluefish.

Downriggers can be used at all depths from fish just below the surface to fish that are down deep and beyond the range of other trolling methods. They work best when the fish are marked at even levels, or where the bottom doesn't rise up sharply, like you might experience at Sandy Hook. Most other locations along the coast where the blues hold over deep water structure are perfect for downriggers.

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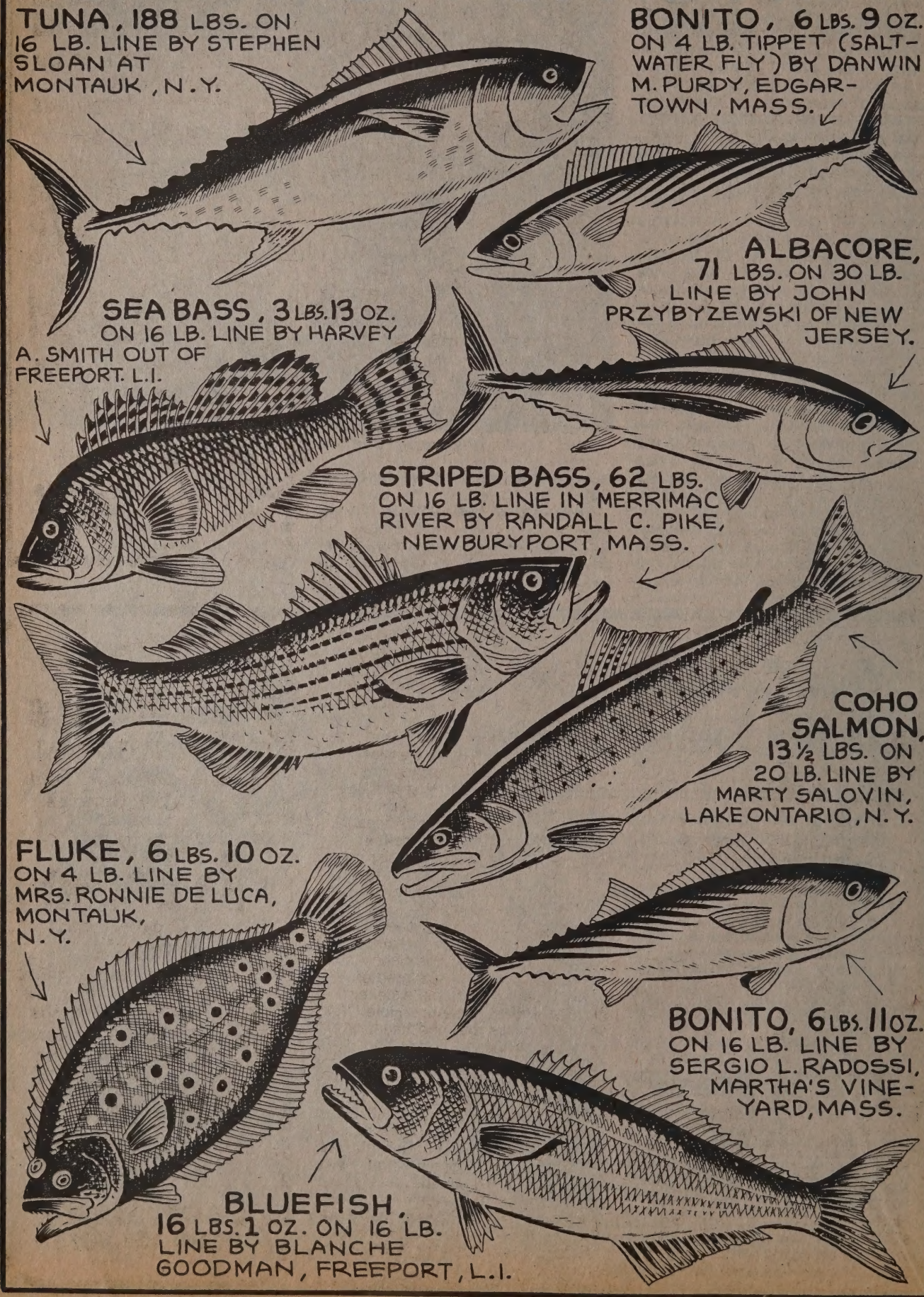
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East End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Weather played a big factor in this past weekend's report with Sunday pretty much written off by most of the people we spoke to. Those who did fish encountered difficult conditions which hurt fishing results. Fluke remain the key inshore target though there were rumors of some good nighttime bass action at Montauk on the moon. Offshore fishing gained momentum during this past week with both tuna and marlin catches on the upswing.

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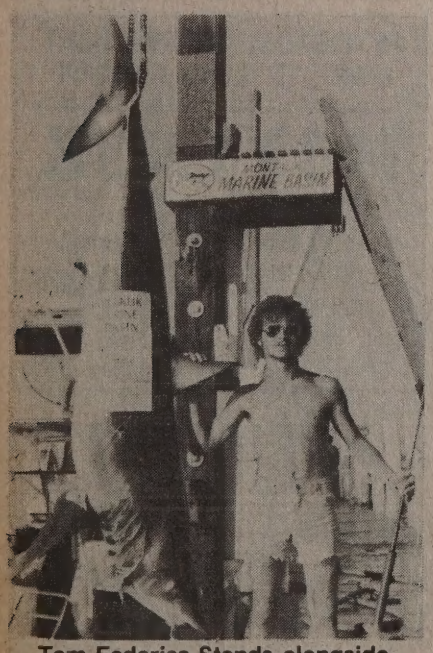
From Capt. Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** we learned that the sharks have slowed a bit but a charter did manage a 176 lb. mako on one of the boat's charters this week. Some longfin and yellowfin tuna have moved into the area while the Cartwright bluefishing on bait is excellent with fish 12-16 lbs. Smaller blues being trolled at the Point in excellent numbers. Sporadic hits are being mde on weaks and occasional bass on the troll. Fluking in the rips has been super with lots of 3 to 4 lbers being caught. Mike say "The Point is alive."



Tom Federico Stands alongside the 253 lb. mako he whipped on 30 lb. tackle aboard his boat, Harbor Hooker III. The big shark was taken in 205 feet of water, 30 miles south of Montauk. It was weighed in at Montauk Marine Basin.

On a June charter for Carl White and friends, this outstanding catch of 93 flounder between 1 and 4 lbs. was made aboard the "Julie III." Fishing was done east of Outer Shagwong at Montauk.

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** tells of continued excellent porgy fishing on his boat. Five gallon buckets are filled every day without miss with 3/4 to 2¾ lb. porgies. Catches are 40 to 85 a man are not uncommon. Bud says if anyone has porgy fever, he has the antidote. See his LIF ad.

Aboard the charter boat **Julie III** on Saturday Vinnie Holstrumhad over 500 porgies to 3½ lbs. at Great Eastern.

From the **Viking Fleet**, the latest news is that the **Viking Starlight** will begin sailing every Thursday at 2AM on super spectacular "Nomans Land" porgy Safaris.See ads for details. The Coxes Ledge codfishing has been very good with Saturday an excellent day, high hook being 22 cod. Big fish of the week was a 40 lber. while fish are averaging 12-14 lbs. They are hitting both bait and diamond jigs. Porgy fishing for the week has been up and down, depending upon the amount of boat traffic spooking the fish. Action at the Point and fish are mediums to large. Fluking remains excellent in the Rips and at Treasure Hole. Very few throwbacks and the keepers are up to the six pound class. The night bluefishing continues to be dynamite south of Block Island, a complete bail job, said the skipper with fish 10 lbs. and up. Last week's initial test trip to Nomans Land for porgies, despite horrible, horrible conditions allowed the skipper to determine that there were loads of fish in the area which was an excellent sign for future Thursday trips. It appears that these trips will become real bag stuffers.

Aboard the charter boat **My Mate** Saturday, Mike Scotko and friends tagged and released a brown shark

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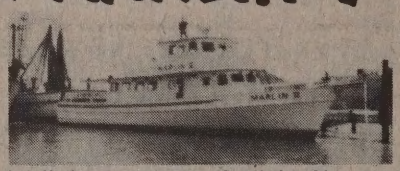

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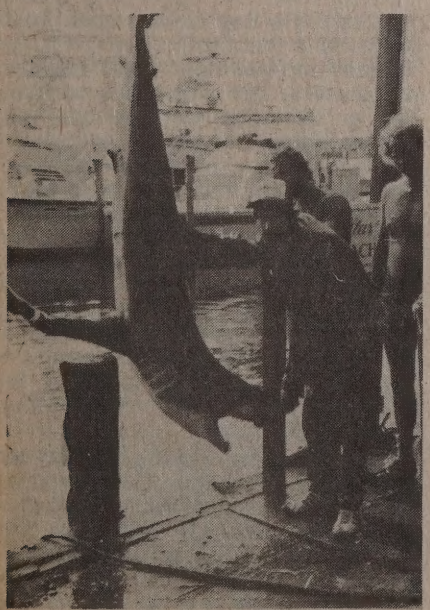
and boated an 87 lb. mako. Sunday's trip for Bill of Meineke Muffler, Ronkonkoma and group bailed large Cartwright blues on umbrellas.

Fishing off Block Island the charter boat **Nostalgia II** has had very good pollack catches to 33 lbs., fluke to 5 lbs., plus blues and cod to 10 lbs., plus some sea bass. These catches have been made for groups led by Jack Evans, Laurie Mangan and Mike Jacobcheck. Weakfish in the 6-10 lb. range are making sporadic appearances at the Point on jigs, with best action in the early AM hours. Tuna and marlin starting to take hold offshore.

We hear from charter boat **Ebb Tide** of Wednesday's trip for the Barone group taking a mako and a load of Cartwright blues on trolled umbrellas, fish 8-15 lbs. Thursday's group also had a mako plus a few browns. Friday's half day charter for the Hugo group scored with 55 blues fishing inshore with umbrellas. Saturday's charter for the Houle group decked an 80 lb. mako and lots of Cartwright blues. On Sunday the Kaplan charter did an inside trolling job on mostly blues and some weaks. The makos were taken at the second finger.

We hear from charter boat **King Wayne** that Monday's trip for Pat Giamanco and friends from Huntington socked it to 13 pollack to 38 lbs., 10 cod and 53 blues to 10 lbs. also. Pool honors went to Debbie Inzarillo. THis was off Block. Tuesday's trip for Ray Porteus and group had a nice catch of school tuna while Wednesday's trip for Todd Sloan and Brok Ingram, both age 12, saw two makos weighing at 105 and 70 lbs. All the other trips of the week, customers bailed blues at Cartwright.

From Captain Charlie Zbory of the



Jim Schaad whipped this 263 lb. mako 23 miles south of Montauk during the M.C.A. Charity Shark Tourney. It was taken on 30 lb. tackle aboard the charter boat "Windy."

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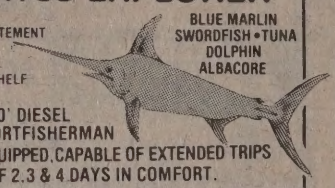

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Inshore fishing at the Point is good advised Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** with weaks, blues, fluke and occasional sea bass. Larger blues are at Cartwright. Offshore sharking slowed this week. Giant tuna have been seen and a few taken with albacore likewise.

On Ray White's Moonlighter on Saturday 137 keeper fluke to 5 lbs. was the body count for five anglers working east of the Midway Rips using squid and sand eels.

Maureen Senefelder of **Gone Fishing Marina** reported that Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boay **Alyssa Ann** put Bill Pellicane and friends into 90 blues in the 6-12 pound class south of Block Island on Saturday. All were taken on jigs. On Sunday, fishing a party headed by Jim Kaitey, 32 blues to 10 pounds were taken on a trip cut short by poor weather and sea conditions. The boat Sandy Hooker returned on Saturday with a 144 pound mako taken by Don Natalichio 30 miles south of the point in 240' of water. Despite sloppy seas on Sunday, Jerry Carlo weighed in a 10½ pound fluke which was taken on the south side. Maureen reminded that fluking remains very good at the point with bigger fish on the south side and plenty of fish in North Rips and at Gin Beach and Shagwong.

SOUTH FORK

Aboard the **Sag Harbor** open boat **Wilhelric II** there was slower fluking Tuesday and Wednesday of this week compared to last week still working Truman's and Gardiner's Island. This was no doubt due to the extremely heavy boat traffic. Nevertheless, catches averaged 4-8 keeper fluke a man with the pool fish in the 6 lb. class. The porgy fishing the rest of the week remained consistent to the tune of 30-50 fish a man. When things got hot high hooks ran into the 100s. Clam, worm and squid were the hook bait. There is still plenty of room on the boat on weekends, so don't be afraid, said the skipper of not getting a spot on the boat.

From **Bayview Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor**, Chris Salb told of looking over one catch of porgies which totaled well over 200 fish in the 1-2 pound class. They were taken on Satuday by a party who told Chris they used clams and worked in the Three Mile Harbor area. There has also been good porgy fishing at Cedar Point, Buoy 11 and 13 but these fish run smaller with most in the 1-1½ pound range. Still good fluking at the Ruins with some nice fish mixed in

and the best bet for blues in the area has been Crow Shoals where both umbrellas and tins have been accounting for plenty of 2-3 pounders.

Plenty of schoolie weaks with a few to 6 and 7 pounds according to Helen Jacobsen of **Noyac Marina**, in **Noyac**. Best fishing has been around Jessups and the buoy 16 area and Helen felt that the action is currently in the best summer fishing in years. Use squid or sandworms. Porgies are mostly on the small side but they are plentiful and chum is the key to making a good score. Small blues are still roaming around the bay and being taken on jigs and snappers are just getting started.

A combination of wind and rain unsettled the fishing scene for a couple of days according to Tom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**. Fluking at the Ruins didn't seem hurt by it though as one boat returned on Saturday with 40 keepers. According to Tom there had been some decent porgy action in Peconic prior to Friday's blow.

Lanny Molnar of **Molnar's Landing** in **Hampton Bays** spoke of a good shot of stripers on live eels after dark inside Shinnecock Inlet. Leading the scores was Lanny himself with a huge cow of 52 pounds. Paul Bizella found his first 40 pound striper, a fish of 40.4 pounds. Dee Goldstein had a 28 pounder, Keith Cohen had a 29¼ and not to be outdone by her husband, Lynn Molnar nailed a 28½ pound striper. There was also some good fluking in East Channel during the week. Jim DeLano of the Peace of Mind had 41 keepers on Thursday. Bluefishing is good outside the inlet in the 100' depths where most of the fish range between 8 and 16 pounds. Some nice makos were taken not too far off the beach with the 125-150' depths producing the most action. Kip Molnar and Steve Schindler scored with a 169 pound mako. The Weekend Bartenders' Shark Tourney which was held out of Shinnecock on Saturday was won by a 327 pound mako taken aboard the Chili Pepper. Right behind that fish in second place was a 326½ pounder.

Capt. Fred of the **Hampton Bays** charter boat **Sea Mist** told of plenty of medium to large blues anywhere from 100-200' of water. He had a couple of good bluefish scores while sharking. More impressive was the 69 pound white marlin which grabbed a shark bait on Thursday. Another smaller marlin was lost at the boat.

From **Corr's Fishing Station** in **Hampton Bays**, Charlie wrote off Sunday as a washout but said there were some good fluke scores made in East Channel on Saturday. Still plenty of small fluke available at the south end of the canal. Small blues are inside the inlet with bigger fish ranging between 3 and 12 pounds just a short ride outside the inlet. The most impressive bluefish score this week was made by 6 year old Thomas Quinn who managed 10 blues in the 1-3 pound class on Saturday. Snap-

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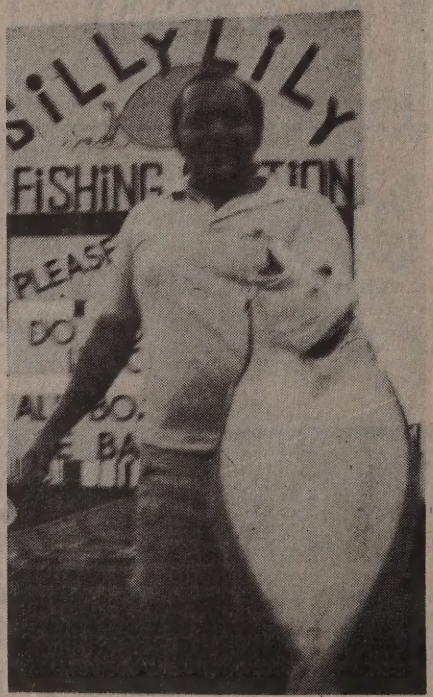

Danny Kaloski of East Moriches caught this 9.15 lb. doormat at buoy 38 in Moriches Bay. A sand eel and squid combo did the trick. Dan fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

pers are started but are really too small to keep and the crab season looks like it is going to be a good one judging by what is around.

The **Hampton Bays** open boat **Jenny Rose** reported good porgy fishing in the Peconics with Robins Island and the South Race producing best. Good action with small blues continues on the evening trips with the fish camped right outside of the inlet. Saturday's offshore wreck trip saw a nice catch of ling taken by those aboard. Albert Carely and Willis Love shared hi-hook honors with 23 ling apiece.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The weather was a factor in this week's fishing with some strong winds and some days rain making for poor fishing conditions. Overall, offshore bluefishing remained very good and it looks like the Patchogue Grounds may stay hot throughout the summer. The fluke fishing slumped in both Moriches and Great South Bays but there were some good shots of fish here and there for those who put in the time.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Jim DeVita at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** spoke of poor fluking early in the week after last week's noticeable improvement. He noted some improvement in the fishing though towards the end of the week with a couple of decent scores between buoy 41 and Haven's Point and along the south side of the bay east of buoy 42. The best scores are currently being made on Salty Dogs or Bucktails fitted with a strip of squid. For those who prefer flatfish of the winter variety, there is still good action between the bars north of 39 and off the edge of the bar south of buoy 36. Crabs have taken hold with the high score for the week being 80 blueclaws for one boat. Use bunker on a ring and work the flats out in front of the station.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that the best fluke scores are being made three hours on either side of high water. If you're not fishing then, you're wasting your time. Best bet is near buoys 41 and 42 on squid and sandeel combos. On Saturday, Fred and Tony Beuth returned with 16 nice keepers up to 3 pounds. Catches of 2-3 dozen flounder are still being made

Matt and John Viol with a recent catch of 53 fluke made east of buoy 42 in Moriches Bay. The pair fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

south of buoy 34. Best action is on the Ebb with worms for fish in the ¾ to 1 pound class. Snappers have put in an appearance in the coves but they are still on the small side.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, George Ruland spoke of decent snapper fishing and excellent crabbing locally. While most of the snappers are still on the small side, Artie Felice found a 1½ pound snapper blue mixed with his bucket of snappers taken off the Patchogue Town Dock. He also had a 1 pound white perch. Small weaks from 1-4 pounds continue to be taken outside the entrance of Brown's River. The largest weaks checked into the shop this week were imported from the Port Jeff area where Chuck Higginbothan and his buddy, Frank took four weaks to 10 pounds on drifted sandworms. Rusty and Randy Carpenter and Tim Brownie went east to Moriches Inlet on windy Friday and took 30 small blues on 007 jigs.

A pretty quiet weekend due to the weather according to Vinny at **South Bay Fishing Station** in **W. Sayville**. He did speak of a few small weak fish around and some small blues still roam the bay. Best bet for fluke has been to work in the same area that the dredge boats are working. Crabbing is decent locally and snappers have just gotten started.

John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** spoke of a few shots of fair fluke action at the inlet and back near the lighthouse. Small blues continue to move between the bay and inlet with an occasional weak mixed in at the latter location. Small weaks in the 1-3 pound range are spread around off of Heckscher and Sayville with the best bet here working behind the dredge boats. Snappers are around but tiny and hardly worth keeping but crabbing from the West Sayville Dock has been good. Bluefish action holding up well off Patchogue and the Hudson

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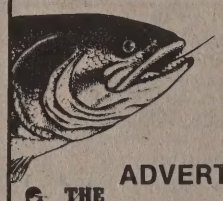

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Canyon finally came to life this weekend with some good action on marlin and tuna enjoyed by several boats.

Ireene Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** was not complaining about the quiet weekend after several consecutive busy weeks. The weather played a big factor in keeping down reports and the only info Irene had was that there was good bluefish action on Saturday at the Patchogue Grounds and fair fluking at Ocean Beach, The Lighthouse and the inlet.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore** said that small blues continue to clog the inlet most days with a few weaks mixed in. There are also some weaks being taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket on sandworms. One customer nailed a 14 pounder during the week and told of another angler who took a 15½ pounder on a live blackfish. Fluking has been OK on the flood and pretty slow on outgoing with sandeels producing best. Try west channel and between the bridge and the inlet. Buoys 4 & 8 near west channel continue to produce porgies but clam belly chum is important. Snappers have started at the local docks and crabbing remains very good with traps accounting for the best catches. Blues in the 2-4 pound class are at the Bell buoy and plenty of fish in the 6-13 pound range settled in on the Patchogue Grounds in 90-100' of water. They are being taken on jigs or chum. Carl heard of a couple of marlin sighted SE of the inlet in 120' of water during the week but not much else short of the canyon where fishing finally seems to be taking off.

Capt. Tom Burke of the **Captree** charter boat **Lady Ann** said that bluefishing remained very good although he rated a couple of days as only fair due to tough weather conditions. Sunday night's trip was a good example. He also thought that

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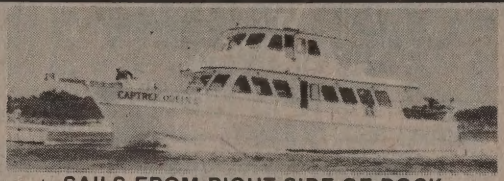

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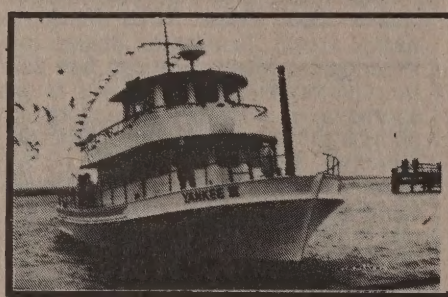

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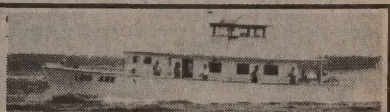

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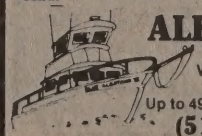

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day fishing with jigs had a slight edge over the night fishing. Fluking this past week was fair between Ocean beach and the lighthouse with nice size fish the rule.

Capt. George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** said that fishing at the Patchogue Grounds continues in top form with just one or two picky trips mixed in for the entire week. Most of the fish are still in the 6-12 pound range though Sunday night saw some real slammers come aboard. Bait remains best at night while jigs take the fish in the daytime.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** said that weather was a factor in the weekend fishing for both blues and fluke. He termed the fluke fishing generally slow after last week's burst of action while the bluefishing received a good to excellent rating. The Patchogue Grounds continue to hold large numbers of blues and everyone has their fingers crossed that the fish will remain for the season as they did a few years back.

Capt. Joe Russo of the **Captree** charter boat **Prime Time** fished a party from Sunbeam Bread on Wednesday. Headed by Joe Ash and Ira London the group bailed blues averaging 8 pounds and up to 11 pounds all day on diamond jigs. On Saturday, fishing a party by Kathy Lynch and Diane Francis, the skipper found some very good fluking on the last of the flood at the WR buoy and good fishing across the way off of the overlook pier on the first of outgoing. The rest of the day the party picked away at the fish. Charlie Francis copped the pool with a 4½ pounder.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Mickey Chiarenza reported that small blues remain in good numbers at the inlet. While there are not many of them, the fluke being taken in the inlet area are good size but the overall fishing has been only fair. Crabbing is good locally and snappers have put in an appearance although they are on the small side. Mickey had some unofficial results of the Babylon Tuna Club's Invitational Tournament which lost Sunday to the weather. Enough fish were caught on Saturday, however, to make the contest a success. Mickey knew of a least half a dozen big eyes and several marlin and makos taken during the day. The largest big eye of the contest was a 217 pounder taken aboard the spare change. Babylon Tuna Club led the way with most points in the Club category.

Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** loaded up on big blues in 80' of water off of Patchogue on Saturday. The charter group consisting of Frank Bonora, Joe Saia, Tony Giganti and Pete Ostrander all hailed from Precision Printing. Fish ranged from 6 pounds on up into the teens and all were taken on jigs. Len reminded that he has some choice open dates available in August if you are looking to cash in on this hot fishing.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** said that a few customers managed pretty decent fluke scores in the state channel this past week. Among them were Joe Manfredo and family who worked the Gilgo area with killie and squid combos to take 15 nice keepers on Saturday. Bluefishing remained solid SE of the Inlet as evidenced by the box full of blues in the 6-8 pound class checked in by Don and Gene Hirsch on Saturday. They chummed in 110' of water south of the lighthouse. Crabbing remains very good from all the local docks and snappers continue to improve in size but still have a way to go.

Marie Combs of **Combs Tackle Shop** in **Amityville** said that fluke continue to get most of the attention in her area with the best bet in Massapequa Cove. West Island has also provided some fair action. A mixture of flounder an small porgies at the third Wantagh Bridge on worms and some nice crabs being taken on the flats south of

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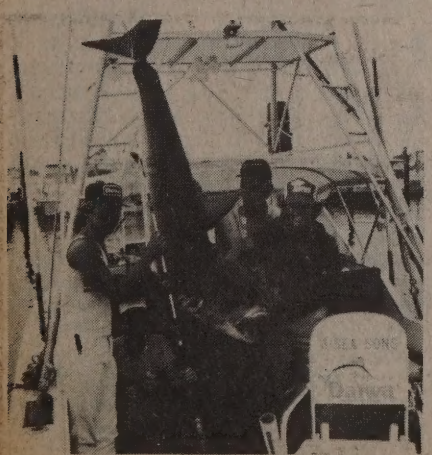
West End REPORT with Stu Miller

The inshore and offshore picture remained fairly constant over this week. Some of the exotics offshore have started to show such as the various tunas. Bluefish continue strong while the flatfish are still being picked by those willing to work at it. Some weaks are around a little ways off the beaches and at the bridges and the fishing is generally good.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

John at **Pop's Fishing Station** told us there's been very good fluke, sea bass, snapper and bccs catches through the weekend. Best catches of fluke have been on the east side of the Wantagh bridge on killy squid combos. Joe Lutton Jr and Sr. and Glen Stanis boated 16 keeper fluke to 4½ lbs. on live killies at buoys 13 and 14 Wednesday. The rental skiff are averaging 16 keeper fluke per boat weekdays and 4 on weekends. John Duckbouat in four hours of fishing Thurday kept 19 out of 60 fluke on a flood tide using live killies at Four Corners. One customer had a good cact of fluke fishing buoys 13 and 14 on sand worms.

Also from **Seaford** we hear from **Wansers Tackle** of the hottest fluke spots of the week being Massapequa Cove and Goose and Haunts Creek on killie, spearing, sand eels and squid. Flounder are in the deeps at Short



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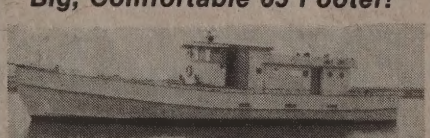

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From Scott at **Merrick Tackle** we learn that snappers have started in the bays, though small. Lots of big eye tuna being trolled in the Canyon on artificials, particularly Bagley Head Knockers. Fluke are being caught by customers in the 3rd Wantagh area and to the west thereof.

from Jimmy at **Nicks Fishing Station in Merrick** we learn of a Nick' Point Tuna Club boat Mar Jon with skipper John Dimino and crew consting of Don Johnson, Harry Weinblatt and Whitey Kuterman, who had a 60 lb. white marlin, a 153 lb. bigeye, 60 lb. yellowfin tuna and a 40 lb. longfin tuna on an overnighter. Local fluking has slowed said Jimmy but the flounder catches have been very good in Swift Creek off the houses on worm. Small blues outside the inlet and a few weaks at the last Meadowbrook on bunker and on squid bait, fish 6-10 lbs.

As for the boats out of **Freeport**, we hear from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** that the fluking has been fairly good. The **Super Spray II's** two daily fluke trips have been catching well on a 70 percent keeper ratio with fish running up to 3½ lbs. average and pools in the 6-7 lb. range. On Sunday's AM trip, Al Marcana had a 7 lb. fluke while Bill Van Ness, Jackson Heights, had the 10 lb. pool winner. Stacey Zinc, a 9 year old on Saturday managed 5 fluke that ran slightly better than 3 lbs. each. Action has been in lower Swift Creek and Jones Inlet. Night bluefishing aboard the SS II has also been consistently good. Most of the Association charter boats have been bluefishing with good results at Three Sisters and 17 Fathom for fish 4 to 12 lbs., averaging 6 to 10. Lots of big eye tuna have been spotted throughout the week at the canyon.

From the charter boat **Shalidon** we learn of Friday's trip for Tom Glass of The Wall Street Journal for big fluke taken along the Riis Park Beaches. Saturday's shark trip saw a 250 dusky T&R, with a 50 lb. mako spitting the hook just 10 ft. from the boat. On the same trip, Capt. Arnold drove a gaff into a 150 lb. mako that had just broken a leader at the boat.

A call from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** told of good fluking Monday through Thursday with high hooks in the teens and pools in the 5 lb. range. Things slowed Friday due to the strong winds. On the half day boat, there was very good fluking all week with high hooks in the low teens. On Tuesday 6-year old Robbie Bilodeau managed 6 keepers on her first time out. Steve Hanery of Lynbrook had 13 keepers while Pete Asher of Merrick on Wednesday hoisted a 5½ lb. pool

fish. The 4:30 p.m. flounder trip has been doing very well with the high hook in the 20s with the pool fish in the 3 lb. class. On Wednesday Terry Arthur of Freeport smiled over 27 flounder to 2½ lbs.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** advised of Monday's good bluefishing at the Sisters on jigs for the Ron Milau group. Wednesday's trip for Economics Labs Inc. saw a good pick of fluke in Reynolds and local creeks on spearing and squid. On Thursday Ken Colombo and party had good bluefising to the west on jigs. Friday's trip for mark King and party had a pick on blues due to the weather, but on Saturday bluefishing was good again for a Brooklyn group from Hanny Fuel. This was south of Jones on jigs. Saturday night's bluefish trip for Steve Montolo had just fair bluefish action on bait as did Sunday's trip for Jones, Lang and Wooton Inc., fishing south of the inlet for 3-14 lb. blue.

The word from Capt. Sy of the **Bluefin Fleet** was that his boats had good bluefishing all week with a fantastic catch Saturday of fish in great numbers up to 9 lbs. Best action was SW of Jones Inlet. Pool winners of the week were Frank Terrano Jr., John McPike of Westbury. High hook of the week was Jim Brady of Garden City. Fish hit jigs with or without tails and bait was the number at night. It was poor bluefishing Sunday, so the skipper saved the day by swinging over to fluke in the PM along the beaches, with fluke up to 4 lbs.

The **Miss Freeport II** enjoyed excellent bluefishing most nights wiht catches of up to 30 fish a man in the 4-8 lb. range on bait and chum. Action was just 1 hour or less from the jetty. The daily fluke trips have been fair to good with Saturday the best day in local Freeport waters with very few throwbacks on Saturday.

Capt. Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** reports very good catches all week with Saturday being an excellent day. Sunday was not as good due to wind, rain, cold and chop. Fish were caught all week from 3-9 lbs. with an occasional 12 lber taking the pool.

From **Lou's Fishing Station** at the foot of **Woodcleft Canal** we learned of five white marlin that came in Saturday along with a few makos. A 43 lb. white marlin was taken SE of the HA by Joan Dellman aboard the Jilmar. A 357 lb. tiger shark was taken by Steve and Nat Drourr on their boat Infinity II in the compass rose area. Aboard the boat Wild Bunch a 235 lb. mako was taken by Sam Wild, a 50 lb. white marlin by Jim Blake and a 52 .lb. white marlin by Al logotto. A 49 lb. white marlin was hoisted aboard the boat No Problem.

We hear from the charter boat **Capt. Gary** of Saturday's trip for Dick Steinmerli and group with their decent fluke day working Long Creek and Jones Inlet. Dick had the pool fish of 3½ lbs. while Pete Stamme was

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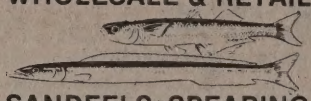
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Joanie and a big-eye tuna taken aboard the Freeport charter boat, "Apus II."

high hook with 11 keepers. Saturday night saw picky bluefishing due to weather for Fish and Brew Fishing Club. Sunday's fluke charter for the Cecil Best family saw a catch of over 80 keepers come aboard in Jones Inlet. Cecil had the 3 lb. pool fish and was also high hook with 18 keepers. Incoming tide was the ticket.

The rental boats from **Anthony's Fishing Station** continue to come back in with fair catches of either fluke or flounder taken in Merrick Bay, Fundy Bay, Swift Creek and Jones Inlet areas. On Tuesday Steve Luciani and crew had 20 keeper fluke taken from Merrick Bay. Some blackfish continue to be taken at the bridges.

A call from Capt. Joe of the charter boat **Suzanne** related the following catches of the week. Jim Christiansen and friends tagged and released 6 dusky and brown shark. Marty Solomon and group from Long Beach managed 2 duskies each going over 150 lbs. The Gary Tizio bailed blues at the Three Sisters. Joe Coutelo and party scored with two makos, each over 100 lbs. while the Nick Gagliano party boasted of a 150 lb. mako. All these shark were taken in the HA area. A white marlin was dropped on Sunday's trip for Bill Sullivan.

In nearby **Pt. Lookout** we hear from the half day fluke boat **Capt. Bill** that the fluking has been fair all week with catches averaging 3-4 keepers a man. Early in the week there was a 25 percent keeper ratio and later in the week closer to a 50 percent keeper ratio. Saturday's special charter loaded up on blues from 7-10 lbs. on diamonds. Friday and Saturday night's bluefishing was a slow pick due to poor weather and sea conditions.

From Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie II** we hear of Monday and Tuesday's special shark trips in the HA area with lots of shark in the slick, a few hooked, but none landed. Wednesday's fluking was local and results were fair with fish to 3 lbs. on spearing, squid and sand eels. Thursday's charter did blues from Three sisters to Asbury Park with a fair catch made on fish up to 12 lbs. Pool winner was John Ehrner. Saturday fishing SW of the Sisters in 100 feet of water some very good bluefishing was had on diamonds on fish 5-8 lbs. with a 12 lber. taking the pool. Fish were pulled all day.

Board the half day fluke boat **Miss Point Lookout** Capt. Ron said fluking this week for the most part had improved with the water all cleaned up. A lot of fish were around an they were larger as well. Fishing was best in the back and fair in the inlet. On Wednesday's AM trip Bob Steinert took the pool with a 4 lber. while on the PM trip, Bernard Roth swept the pool honors with a 4½ lb. fluke. Thursday's PM trip had a 3½ lb. pool fish for Grace Trolley. Saturday's PM trip saw Charlie Cunningham with a 5 lb. blackfish pool winner. On Sunday's PM trip, Karen Myer took the pool with a 2½ lb. fluke. On the

John Lucas and his son pose with dad's 6¾ lb. fluke taken in Jones Inlet. It was weighed at Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway.

boat's night bluefishng trips, some nights had better results than others with Friday being best on fish to 6-20 lbs. with most fish in the 6-10 lb. range.

From **Ed's Fishing Station** we learn from Marilyn that this was a somewhat quieter week than last week with some fluke being caught but people having to realy work for them. Best areas were the flats off Reynolds and the lower part of Swift Creek along with buoys 16-20 in Reynolds. Flounder at the Meadowbrook area and Swift Creek off the houses. Some blackfish at the big M and T Wreck. Snappers starting to show. Small blues being taken off the stone jetties at night on small Rebels and small Ava jigs. Charlie and John had 11 weaks fishing 2 miles south of the JI buoy using squid and sand worms on the bottom. The fish ran 6-9 lbs.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** comes word that fluke continued to be the number one attraction this past week with blues a close second and just a sprinkling of bass and weaks. Duck Point and buoy 9 have been the hotspots in Reynolds channel for fluke as evidenced by Sam Konicki, Russ Bell and Mel Hopkins with Saturday's total of 28 keepers to 4 lbs. The ocean off Rockaway and Playland was an off and on thing. Don and Frank Durando totalled 28 fluke Wednesday to 5½ lbs. off Riis. Blues being caught at Cholera to 15 lbs. by some of the marina's private boats. Blues, bass and weaks at the Tin Can for trollers and a few big weaks at Reynolds under the bunker schools. Snapper and blue claw crabs seem to be all over the back creeks.

The **Island Park** open boat **Commodore** says it been mostly all back bay fluking this week with fares averaging 8-20 keepers a man depending on the day and conditions. Spearing was the

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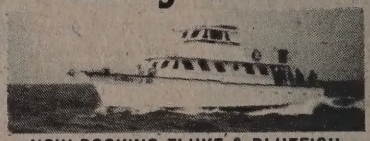

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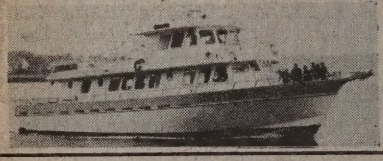

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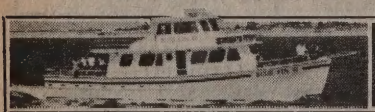

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best attractor for the week with sharpies insisting on belly baits. Capt. Clem estimated a 75 percent keeper ratio for the week.

From **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** Charlie advises a very good item are blue claw crabs which are not now all over the bays, except for Woodmere Bay. Small snappers have begun and should be good sized in 2-3 weeks time. There has been some good bass fishing on bellies under the Atlantic Beach bridge, Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges at night. Charlie says he's one of the few suppliers around that has bellies if you are interested. These bass are 3-7 lbers. mainly, with an occasional 20-25 lber. Some weaks in the 10 lb. category can also be taken at the bridges from 10PM to 5AM when things are at their quietest with the change of tide best, if possible, at the bridges.

Down in **Atlantic Beach Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** tells of continued good fluking at the Island Park railroad trestle area and at Duck Point, incoming best. On the ebb, fish buoys 8, 9 and 10 at Debs for fluke. Also try the area from the AB bridge to the CG station. Blues being taken on umbrellas from the pink hotel trolled west and from Debs east to buoy 4. Also try the Tin Can for blues and weaks with umbrellas. Still a few blackfish being taken at the AB bridge, big blues at the Three Sisters on jigs or bait. Two to 4 lbs. bass at the AB bridge on umbrellas and larger ones on live bunker with 39.11 lb. striper taken there during the week.

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From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** we hear of very good fluking for the week particularly Hog Channel and Duck Point. 75 percent are keepers up to 3 lbs. Snappers have been very good in Bay Park and are now 3-5 inches. Try the same area for some fair bcc action. Some weaks moving along the beaches which we can tell by the catch had by Shakespeare Greg Nisito with 15 weaks, 6-10 lbs., diamond jigged in 70 ft. of water while bluefishing.

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle on Jamaica Bay tells of small porgies and a few fluke being taken during the day off both bridges while the strucutures produce blues, weaks and bass at night on live or chunked bunker. Maureen Dempsey racked up a 6¾ lb. fluke taken under the Marine Pkwy bridge in a boat on live bunker Saturday. Tuesday Joe Roman had an 11 lb. weak and 10 blues from 3-5 lbs. off the South Channel bridge on bunker chunks at night. Al and Vic Figueroa had a 9 and an 8½ lb. weak (gutted weight) taken off the South channel bridge Sunday in the dark on bunker chunks. As we called for this report Monday morning, Joe Roman walked in with 16¼ lb. blue which he caught early in the AM off the south channel bridge, again on a bunker

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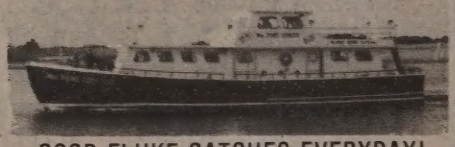

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chunk.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay** Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** advised plenty of blues being caught off the Jersey coast at 17 fathoms and real alligators on the bottom at Norton's Point on bunker chunks. A few good sized weaks at the Tin Can on Nordic Eels. Local fluking in Jamaica Bay and Sandy Hook area has been good and lots of small snappers are in the bay. Bass being bellied at the Roundhouse to 20 lbs. though most are schoolies.

Aboard the **Dorothy B VI** working Sandy Hook, Tin Can and the channels very good fluking was had Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this past week with fish averaging 2-6 lbs. Things slowed Wed., Thurs., and Friday but picked up again on the weekend with fluke up to 9 lbs. The evening bluefish trips, Capt. Kevin advises have been super at the jetty and the channels. A few bass and an odd weak have been mixed in, all on diamonds. Blues running 3-6 lbs., weaks 6-10 lbs. and the largest striper of the week was a 25 lber.

Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** happily reported blues seem to be holding up very well, with catches running from good to excellent from the Highlands to Long Branch. Fish have been mixed sizes from 3-8 lbs. with an odd gorilla here and there all on jigs. An excellent season said the skipper even though so far there have been very few weaks mixed in.

The open boat **White Eagle II** reported good fluking Saturday between the channels with fish in the 2-4½ lb. range, on squid, sand eels and spearing.

Aboard the charter boat **Avatar** we learn of the party of 3 led by Frank Chiazzo and their 50 big blues taken on 20 lb. test line chumming at Klondike.

We hear from the open boat **Pastime II** that fluking has been fair to good on their AM and PM trips between Ambrose Channel and Princess Bay. High hooks have averaged 15 keepers in the 1-3 lb. class and pools in the 6-7 lb. range on spearing and bellies. Night blues being diamond jiggged and catches have been

Lori Sprung displays a real slammer blue of 19.5 lbs. taken on a bunker chunk near the VZ bridge. Fishing was done aboard her fiance, Michael Goodstone's 17' Boston Whaler. Subscriber photo.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:50	11:00	11:45	11:55	11:45	11:40	12:00	12:35	1:40	2:05	1:50	2:15	10:55	11:05	7/28
FRI.	11:30	11:40	—	12:20	—	12:25	12:40	1:15	2:15	2:40	2:30	2:55	11:35	11:50	7/29
SAT.	—	12:10	12:30	1:00	12:10	12:55	1:20	2:00	2:55	3:20	3:10	3:35	—	12:20	7/30
SUN.	12:20	12:55	1:10	1:45	12:45	1:35	2:05	2:45	3:35	4:00	3:55	4:15	12:30	1:05	7/31
MON.	1:05	1:40	2:00	2:35	1:30	2:10	2:55	3:30	4:25	4:50	4:40	5:05	1:20	1:55	8/1
TUES.	1:55	2:30	2:50	3:30	2:15	3:00	3:50	4:25	5:20	5:45	5:30	6:00	2:15	2:55	8/2
WED.	2:55	3:35	3:45	4:30	3:10	4:00	4:50	5:20	6:20	6:40	6:30	6:55	3:15	3:50	8/3
THURS.	4:05	4:40	4:50	5:30	4:20	5:10	5:50	6:15	7:20	7:45	7:35	8:00	4:15	4:50	8/4

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 49
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/28	5:49	8:24
FRI. 7/29	5:50	8:23
SAT. 7/30	5:51	8:22
SUN. 7/31	5:52	8:20
MON. 8/1	5:53	8:19
TUE. 8/2	5:54	8:18
WED. 8/3	5:55	8:16

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/28	10:34PM	9:02AM
FRI. 7/29	10:58PM	10:02AM
SAT. 7/30	11:22PM	11:02AM
SUN. 7/31	11:46PM	12:03PM
MON. 8/1	—	1:05PM
TUE. 8/2	12:13AM	2:10PM
WED. 8/3	12:44AM	3:20PM

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NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
8/8	8/15	8/23	8/2

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	8:20	2:10	8:45	2:30
Fri.	9:05	2:55	9:30	3:15
Sat.	9:50	3:40	10:15	4:00
Sun.	10:35	4:25	11:00	4:45
Mon.	11:20	5:10	11:50	5:35
Tues.	—	6:00	12:10	6:25
Wed.	12:40	6:45	12:55	7:10
Thurs.	1:25	7:25	1:35	8:00

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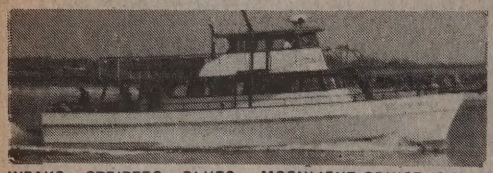

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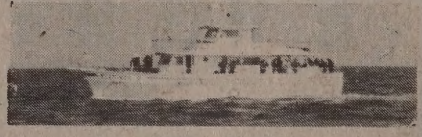

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excellent between the channels and at the cans, fish 2-5 lbs. The boat is now sailing Thursday through Sunday at 6PM for blues. Friday night George R had 15 blues to 5 lbs.

Across the Narrows at **Santos Sport Shop** in **Staten Island** Lenny advises that some bass and weaks are being caught at Stapleton Pier at daybreak. Bass going to 15 lbs. and weaks 8-10 lbs. on chunked or live bunker. Some weaks at Great Kills Harbor being caught on worms fished on the bottom. Some decent fluking off the Berger Ave. storm sewers, the jetties at Great Kills Harbor and Princess Bay channel. Some snappers and sand porgies in Great Kills Harbor and also bccs inside the harbor.

These nice weaks were taken while diamond jigging blues in Long Island Sound aboard the City Island open boat, "Ebb Tide III."

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Stiff northwest winds on Friday and rain early Sunday reduced fishing possibilities and results at week's end. Still on most fronts, excellent summer angling was the rule. Bluefish in 2-5 pound sizes were everywhere and sharpies continued to pull good catches of fluke.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that bass specialists who troll worm or use chunks had linesiders all the way from schoolie sizes to fish of 30-40 pounds. There were only a few big bluefish in the 9-13 pound clas in the area. Local Sett Bruno went over to Oyster Bay for a shot at fluke and had 12 to 4 pounds in two trips.

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** felt that bass fishing wasn't bad on fish to 13-16 pounds for those who knew how to use Rebels or those who drifted worms. Bill Vassilio weighed a 6½ pound fluke taken near buoy 17 on Oyster Bay with a squid strip. The City Island crowd, including party boat fans, all hope for the prgies to move in soon, according to Dom Cerbone of the **Apache**. Cerbone is sailing to the Norwalk Islands in the meantime for shot at ½ to 1½ pound flounder, a few blackfish and an odd porgy. Bags run 10-20 per fare and are best on the drift.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** had a week that featured some fine catches for younger anglers. Dan Baily accounted for 5 stripers while worm trolling with father Pete. Fish were 7-12½ pouinds. Johnny Cacciola along with John, Sr. and Tom George pulled 42 pounds of blues to 4½ in front of Piping Rock. There was pretty good bass fishing for Art Miller with fish to 28 pounds, and George Schim hauled a blue weighing 18 pounds, 6 ounces from Hempstead Harbor.

Joe Fink of the **Lady Lil III** from **Glen Cove** had a week that left nothing to be desired, despite a somewhat slower Sunday. Fishing between the Oil Dock and the Nissequogue with 2 ounce diamonds, Fink's customers were hauling 2-5 pound blues with high hooks in the 30's. Only 2 weaks came aboard all week.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Huntington stations were advishing most customers to head for the Nissequogue for blues with only a few fish off Eatons, according to **Ronnie's.** Joe DiMaggio from **Huntington Prop** said that the weaks under the blues were not feeding even though the blues had stomachs loaded with spearing. DiMaggio pulled 4 weaks to 36" in Thursday's thunderstorm on red and white tubes. There were fluke of Crab Meadow along with sundial and some porgies were available off the Huntington Lighthouse and Centerport. The biggest bass at Ronnie's weighed only 12 pounds.

Billy Collins informed us that the **Ever Ready** from **Huntington** had a fantastic weekend loading blues from 2-6 pounds in mid-Sound between Eaton's and Cranes with high hooks in the 40's. Tiger stripe jigs are the norm and night action is still slow.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** advises that local blues north of the loading platform are up and down and that anglers should be prepared to jig as well as cast. The triangle has porgies for those who chum, and the first small snappers are already in.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jeff** allowed that some blues to 6

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pounds had moved in among smaller fish after the blow. Porgy anglers were doing well off Oldfield with some jumbos mixed in with catches in 20-25' of water on Saturday. The largest fluke seen in the station went 7 pounds, but there are a lot of keepers in catches off Flack's Pond, the Pink House and buoy 9. **Sutlers** confirmed the large porgies off Oldfield and commented that weakfish were still badly scattered.

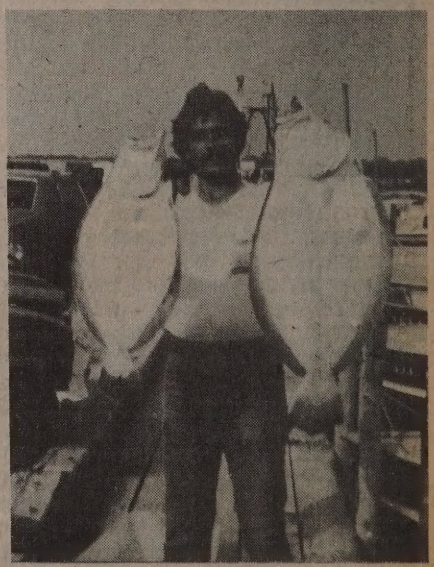
Ralph's Fishing Station in **Mount Sinai** said that local porgies were small with early morning best for most catches. Fluking was good on moving water with best catches coming from shallow water now. The **Angler's Den** in **Selden** saw some good fluke off Buoy 9 with umbrella trollers pulling blues and weaks. Frank Bagnarco had 4 bass to 12 pounds rowing with sandworms.

NORTH FORK

George at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** mentioned small blues in the area, and some spotty weakfish flurries as well. Fluking in the Mattituck Inlet area declined last week, according to the **Mattituck Inlet Station** but there were some good innings on porgies near the Beachcomber for those who chummed. Fish were mediums with reasonable numbers around 1½ pounds.

The **Port of Egypt** station in **Southold** reported good fluking around Orient on the Sound side on outgoing water. Several fish in the 4½-5 pound class were weighed on Saturday but most came from Gardiner's. There were now porgies in Petty's Bight.

Phil Loria at **Capt. Marty's** in **New**



Kenneth Bedrossian holds fluke of 11.9 lbs. and 6.4 lbs. taken off of Horton's Point on a combo bait. Fishing out of Port of Egypt Fishing Station, he and Peter Bilella finished the day with 23 keepers.

Suffolk watched the livery boats enjoy one of the best days of the season on Saturday with buckets of ¾ pound poriges from the South Race Buoy 25. There were many summer weaks mixed in with one high total of 21. Blowfish are along the Robins Island dock and bluefish are in the North Race.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** explained that porgy fishing had picked up considerably and that weakfish showed every so often east of Gardiner's. Bass fishing was generally good as well.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** had a good day of fluking on Sunday despite the east wind and sour morning conditions. Both Gardiner's and the sound go back and forth, but Gardiner's is drawing some large crowds now. Jensen tells us that he's been successful at times jigging 6-8 pound weaks off Gardiner', too.

John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** has been working both shallow and deep off Gardiners now that draggers have gotten into the fluke supply off Truman's. Summer flounder run to 6¾ pounds, but John moaned that a charter from Sperry dropped 3 much bigger fish on Sunday. One that seemed as large as a sofa seat, perhaps 15 pounds, was the biggest Rainis had seen in years.

Surf REPORT with Fred Golofaro

Strong northwest winds, followed by an easterly blow on the weekend, further reduced the efforts of L.I. surfmen already confronted with the onset of the "summer doldrums." Reports for the past week were again difficult to come by and lacklustre in nature. If it weren't for small blues camped at South Shore Inlets and invading some North Shore beaches, the overall picture would be pretty dismal. Anyone willing to share information, good or bad, with other readers can call me at the office on Monday mornings at (516) 725-4200. Just tell the girl you have a surf report and she will put you through.

With no reports from the Jones Beach area, we'll begin at Fire Island where the Sore Thumb produced a few weaks one evening but was quiet most of the week. The exception was a

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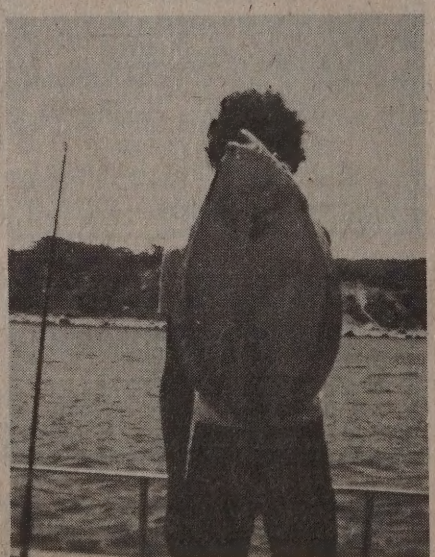

Hiding behind this 9 lb. doormat is John Love who decked the big flattie aboard Captain Larry Ciccotto's Orient Point open boat, "Prime Time II."

few flurries of small blues on 007 and A17 jigs with red or white tubes. No word on Democrat this week but it's a pretty safe bet that there was at least some action with small blues at the point.

At Moriches Inlet, small blues with an occasional weak or school bass mixed in continue to entertain casters on the west side. This via George Ruland at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. George told of Great South Bay Angler Club member Bill Venagas who added two school bass to a stringer of small blues Saturday AM. He also reported that another caster had taken a weakfish from amongst the blues. During the week Pete Laraia used A17 jigs and green tubes to take 4 weaks up to 8 pounds out of the suds at Davis Park on Fire Island. Access here is by ferry only or to residents with permits.

Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** said that weakfish remain spread around the point with some fish at Shagwong during the week prior to Friday's northwest blow. A few fish were also taken by tourists working under the light but the best fishing this past week was reserved for wet suiters working in Brown's. John thought they managed 5-6 weaks a man on redfins. Small blues were in and out along the south side behind town towards the end of the week and on the weekend. All of this action was on tin.

Moving up to the north shore, we heard from one reliable source that a few bass are being picked along the beaches in the Huntington and Port Jeff area. Most are husky schoolies and they are being taken after dark on swimming plugs.

East of here, Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that blues have been everywhere along local beaches between Cedar Beach and Shoreham. They average 2½ pounds but range between 1½ and 5. On two separate occasions, choppers in the 8-12 pound class showed up on these same beaches. Tri-fin spoon jigs fished in the early morning or evening hours have been the ticket for these blues. A slow week on bass and weakfish with an occasional fish being taken after dark when the blues thin out on rebels or red fins and droppers.

Out on the North Fork, **Warren's Tackle Shop** in **Aquebogue** relayed word of small blues along north fork beaches mornings and evenings on tin and tube combos. The Hopkin's has been especially popular out this way. An occasional weakfish has been mixed with the blues. No word on bass from these parts.

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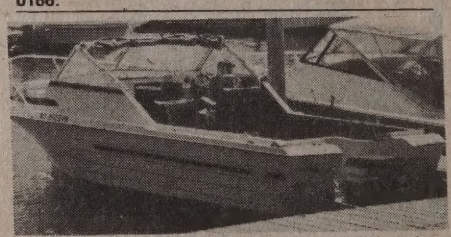

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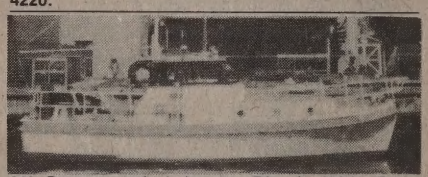

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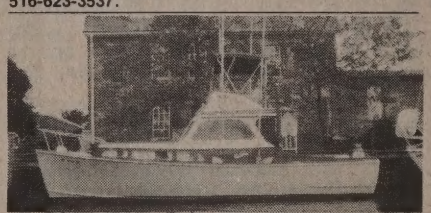

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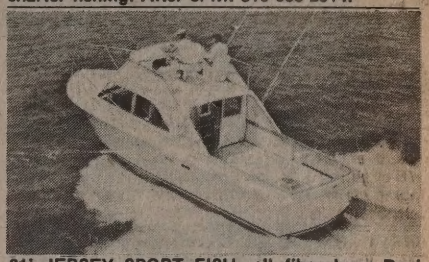

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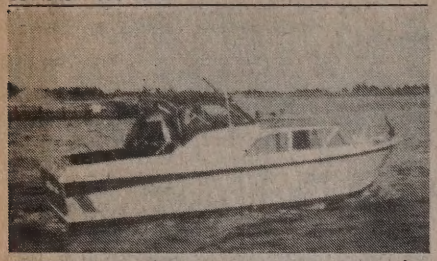

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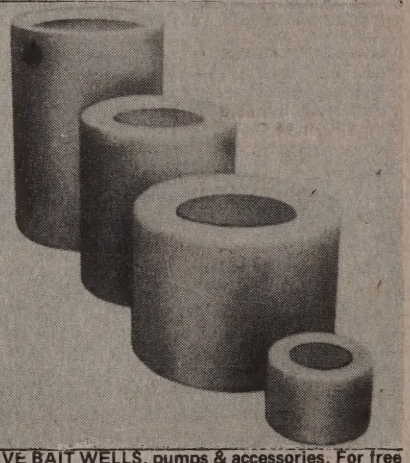

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